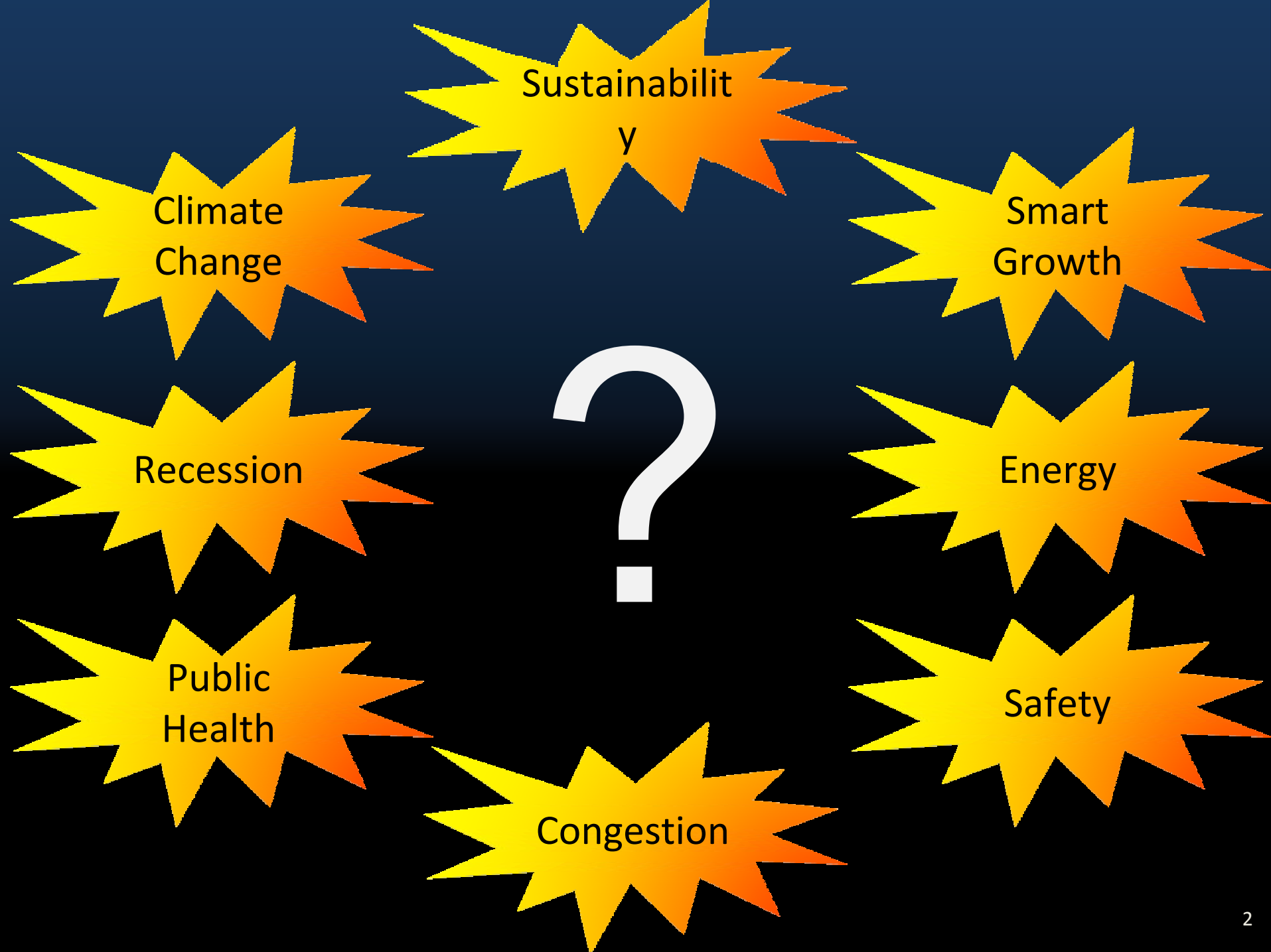


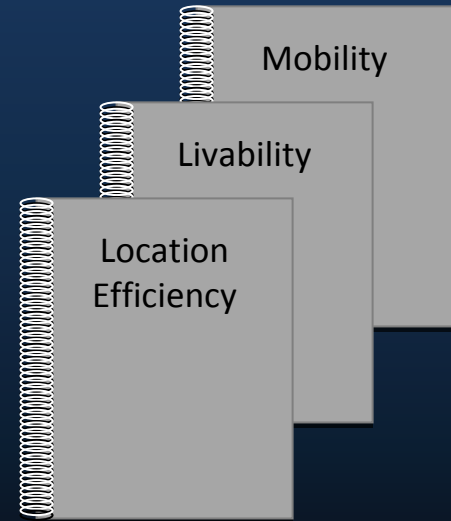
# Role of Mobility in Livable Communities



# Mobility + Livable Communities

- 3 Key Concepts
- Example: Senior Mobility

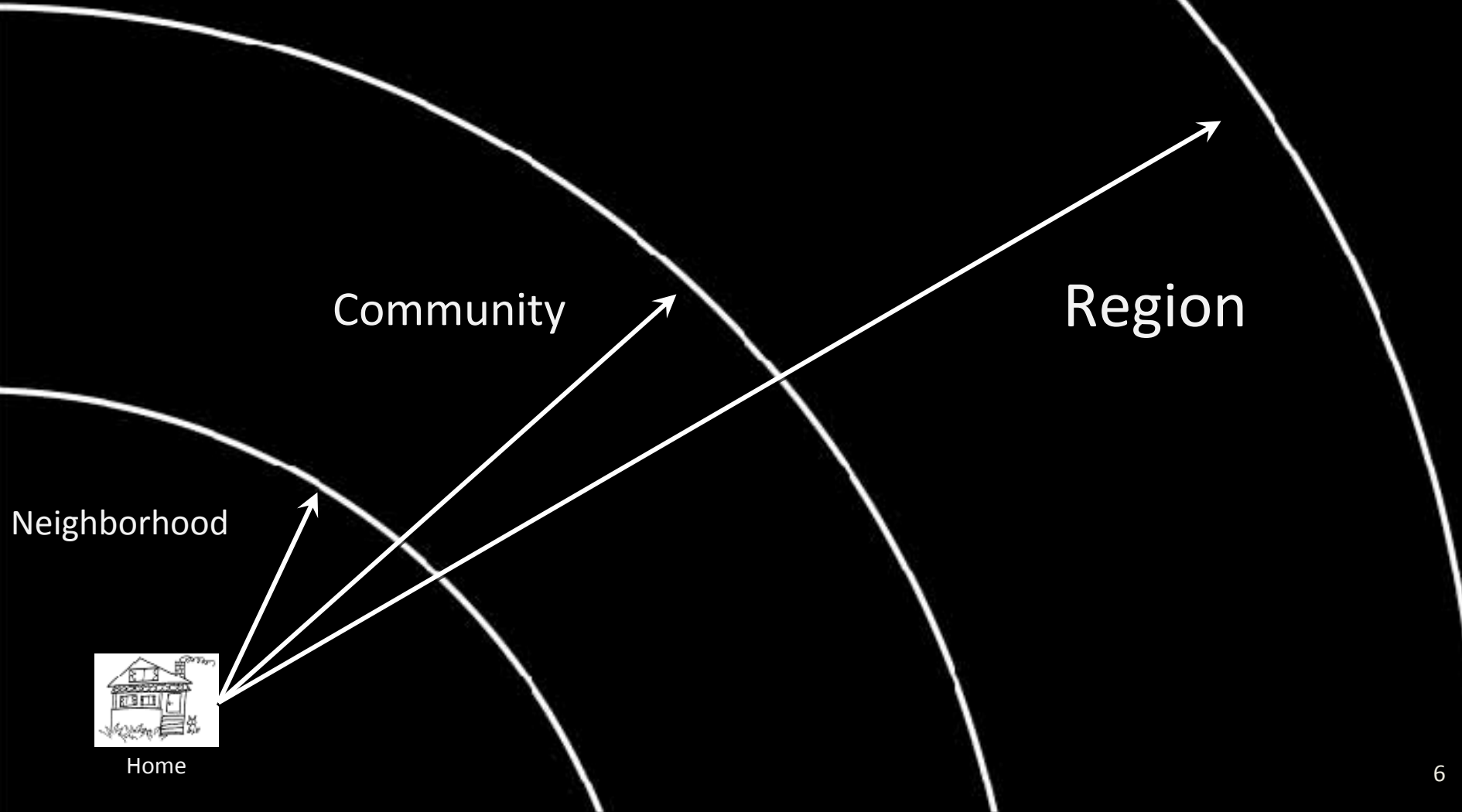
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## 3 Key Concepts

# “Location Efficiency”

# Spatial Relationships



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“Location Efficiency” =

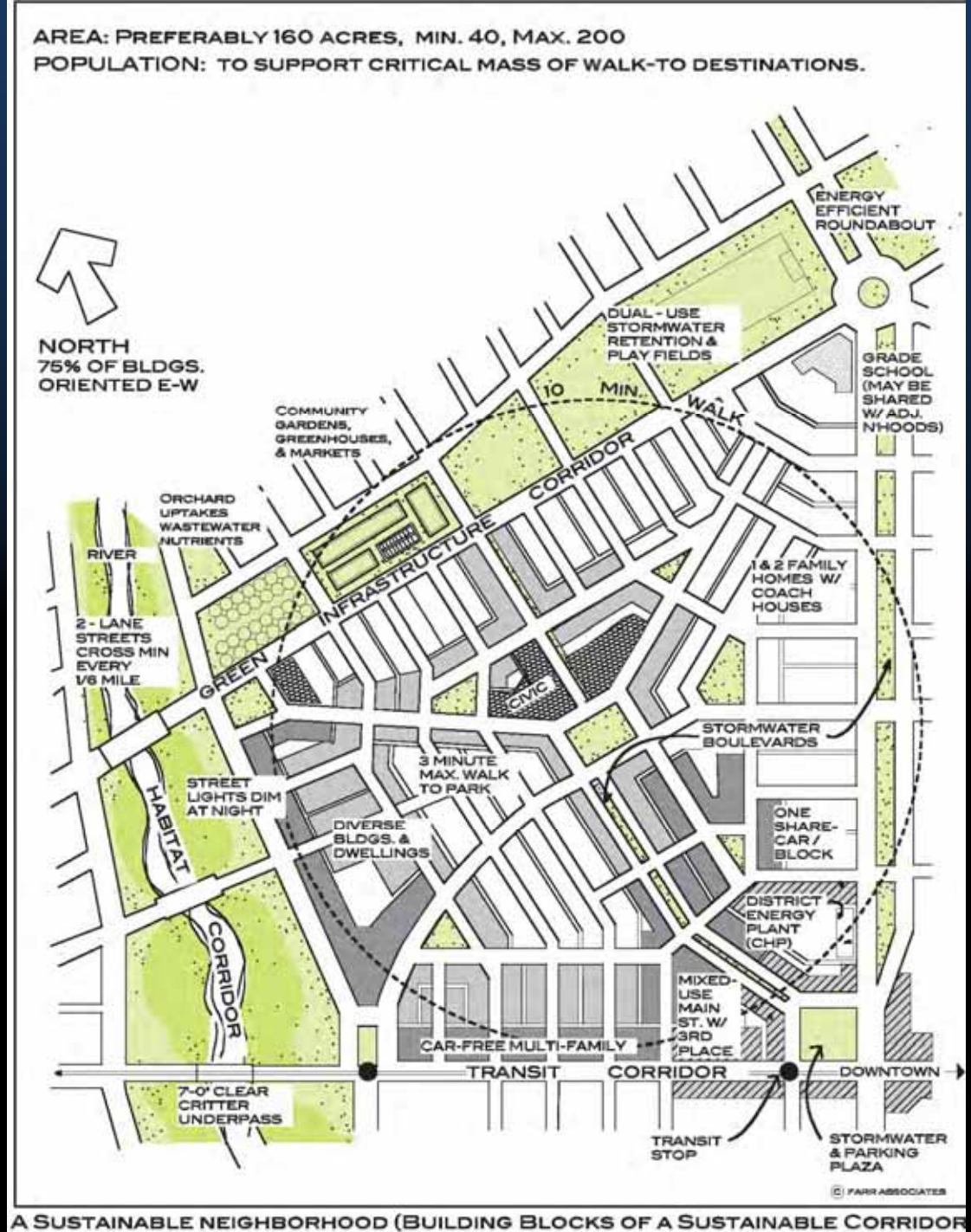
Complete Neighborhoods + Regional Access

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# the neighborhood

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- 160 – 200 acres

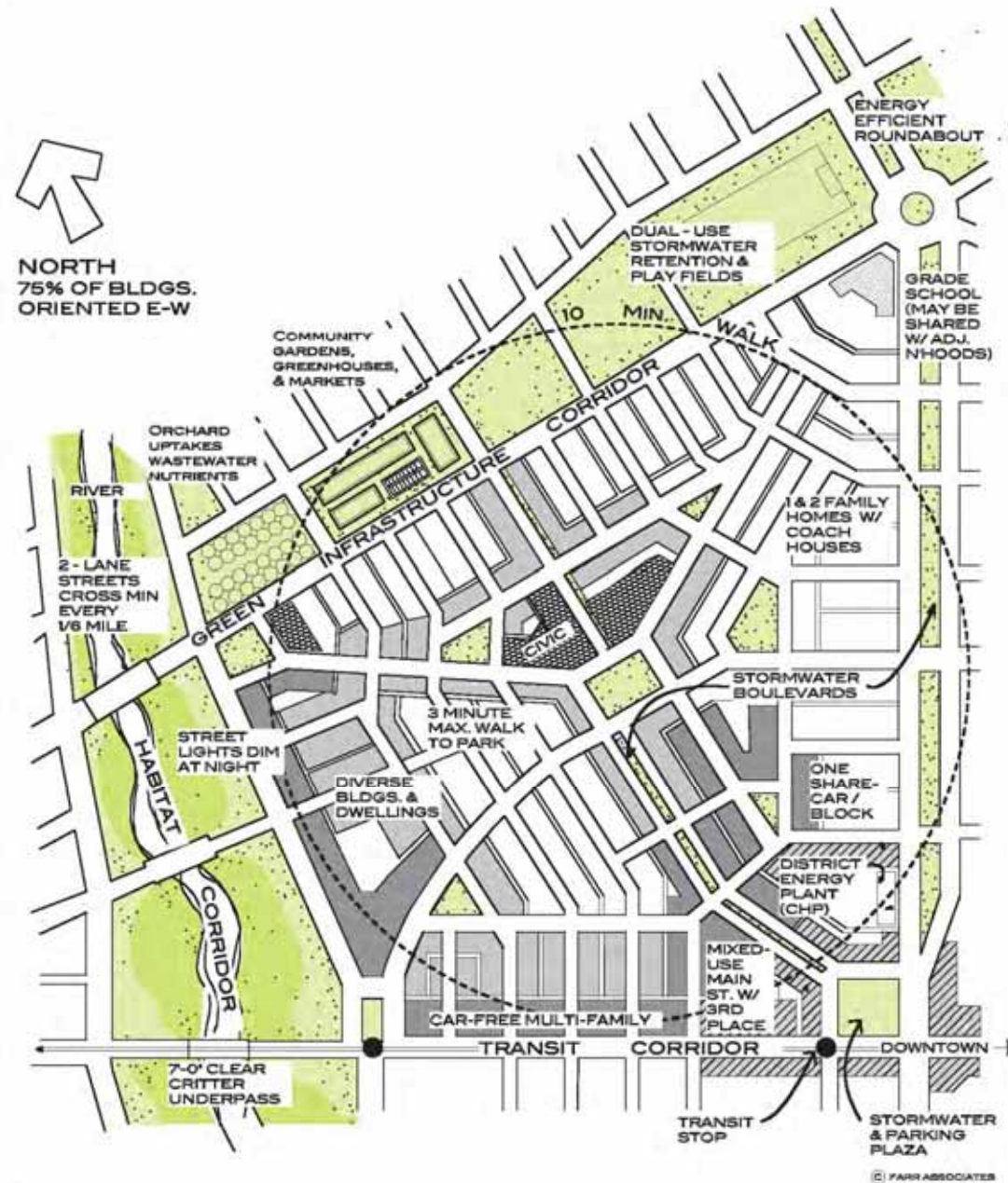




# the complete neighborhood

- schools
- local retail
- services
- parks
- diverse housing
- transit

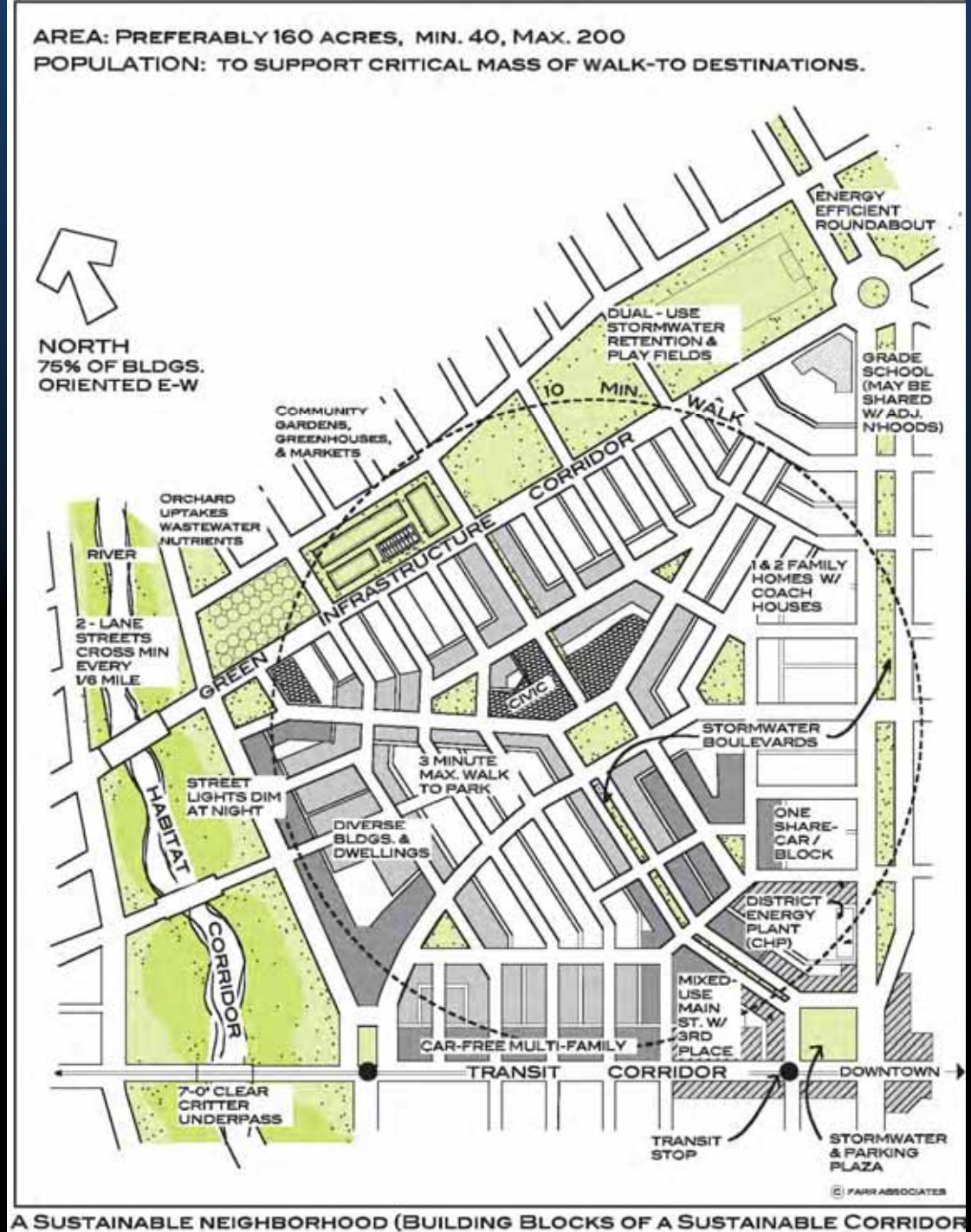
AREA: PREFERABLY 160 ACRES, MIN. 40, MAX. 200  
POPULATION: TO SUPPORT CRITICAL MASS OF WALK-TO DESTINATIONS.



A SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOOD (BUILDING BLOCKS OF A SUSTAINABLE CORRIDOR)

# the complete neighborhood

- walkable
- mixed-use
- transit-served



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“Location Efficiency” =

Complete Neighborhoods + Regional Access

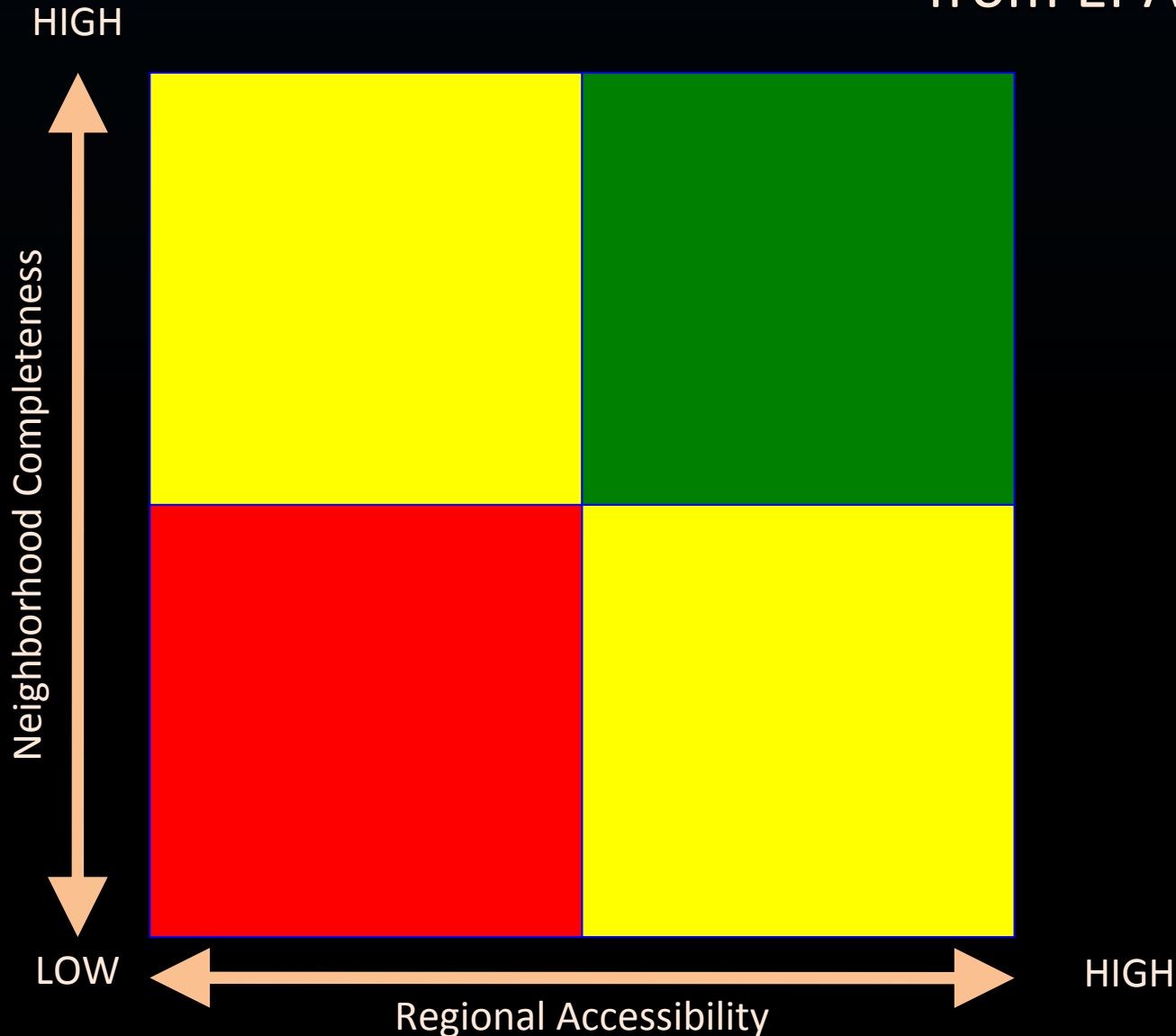
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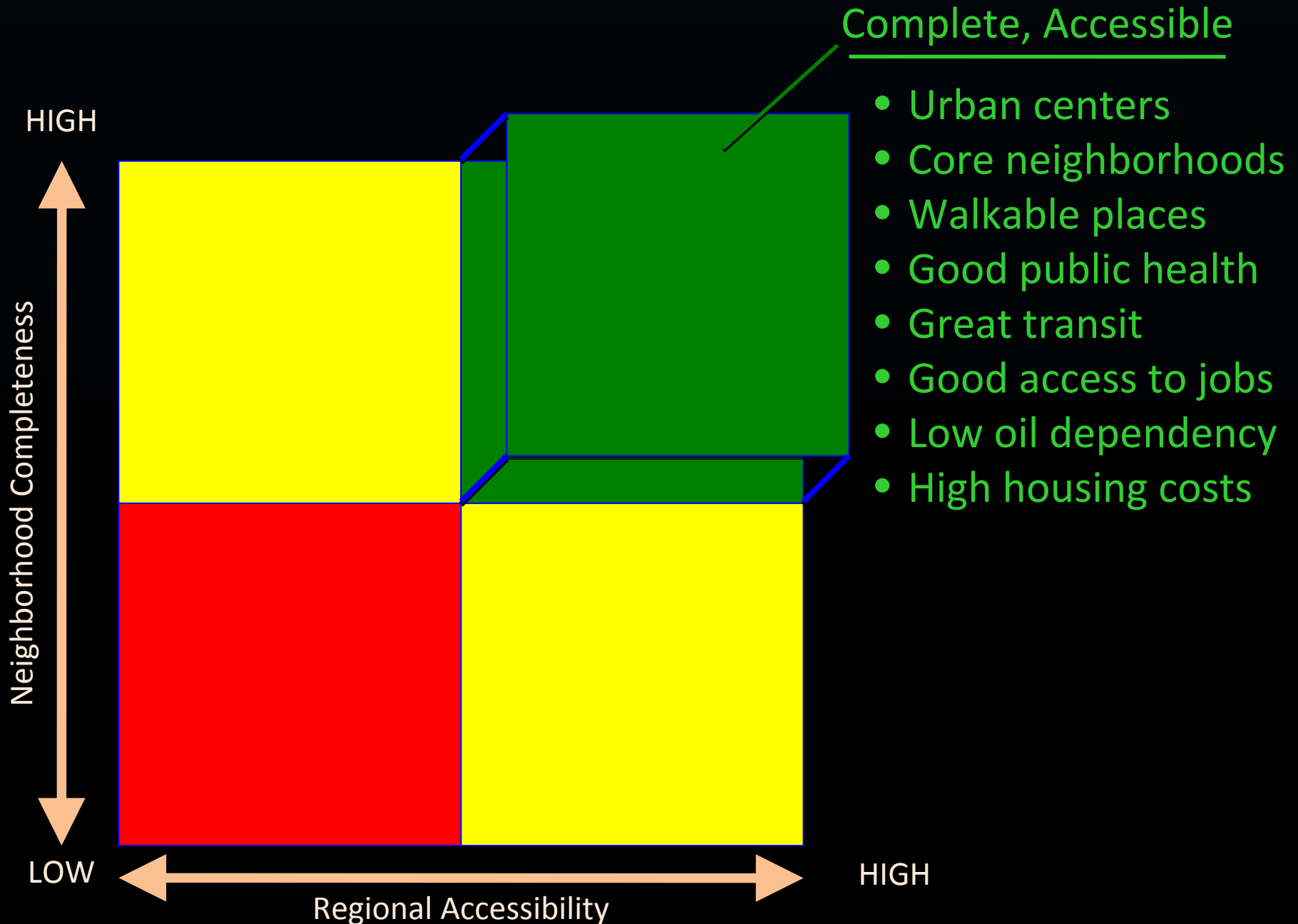
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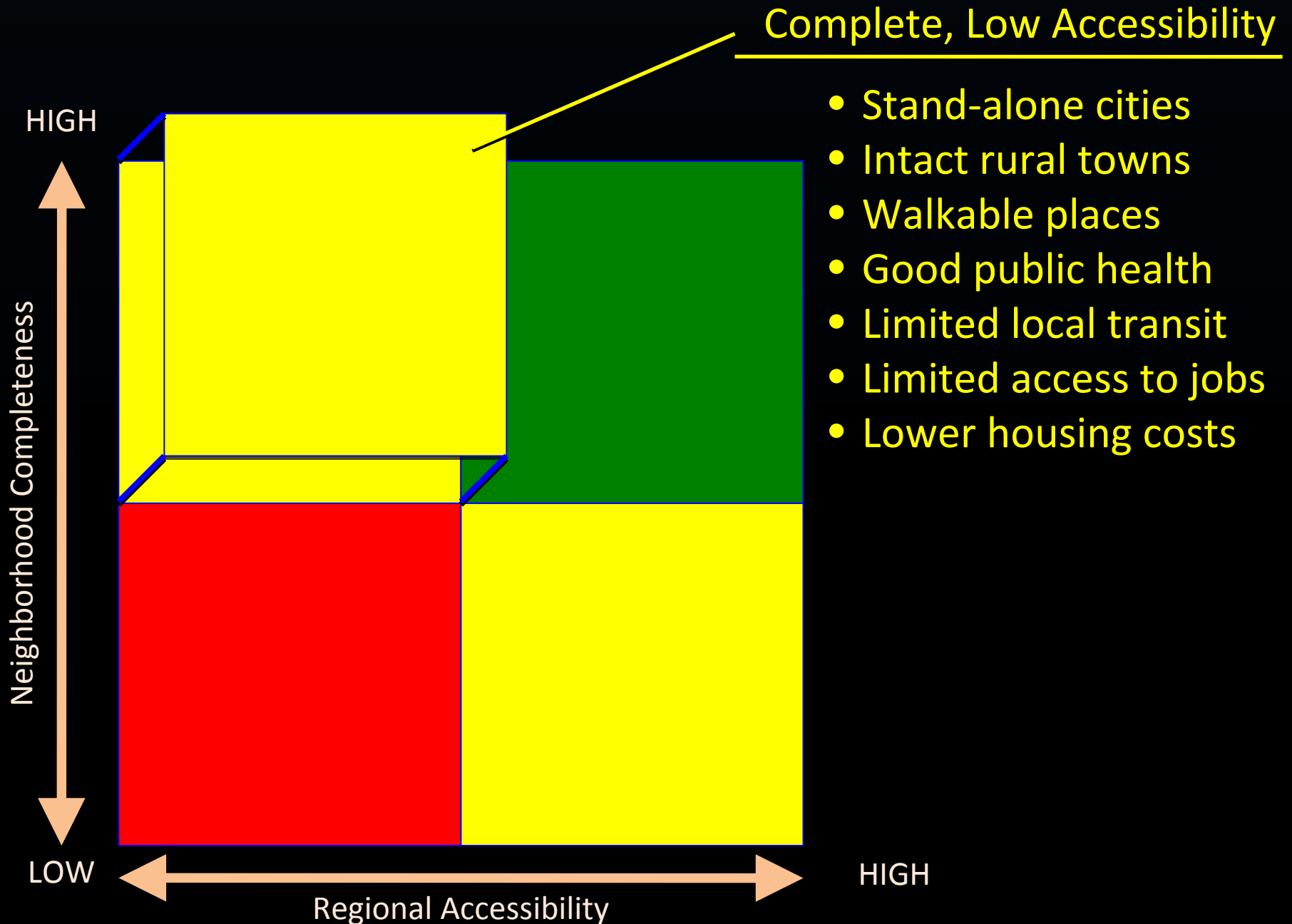
# Regional Accessibility

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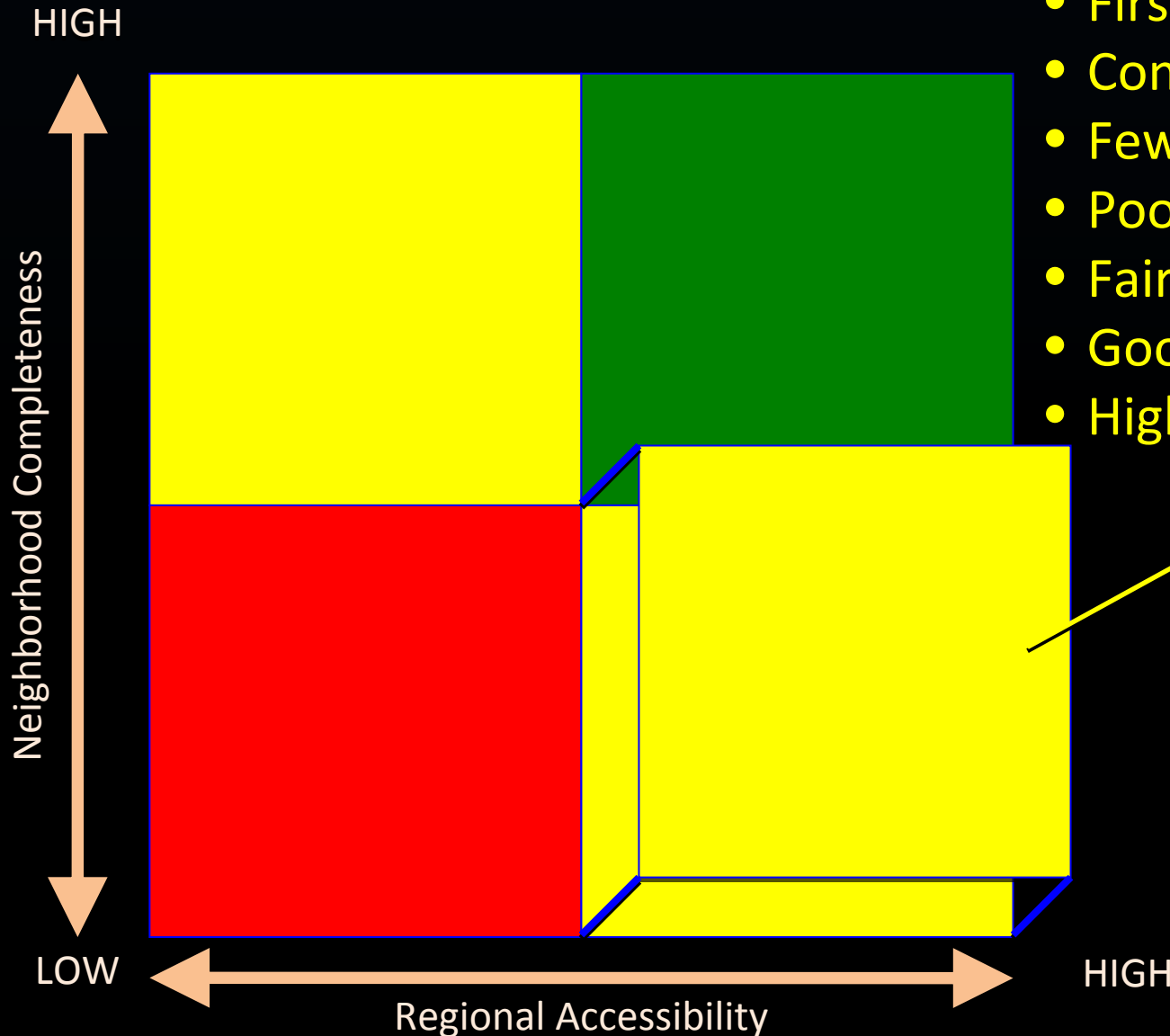
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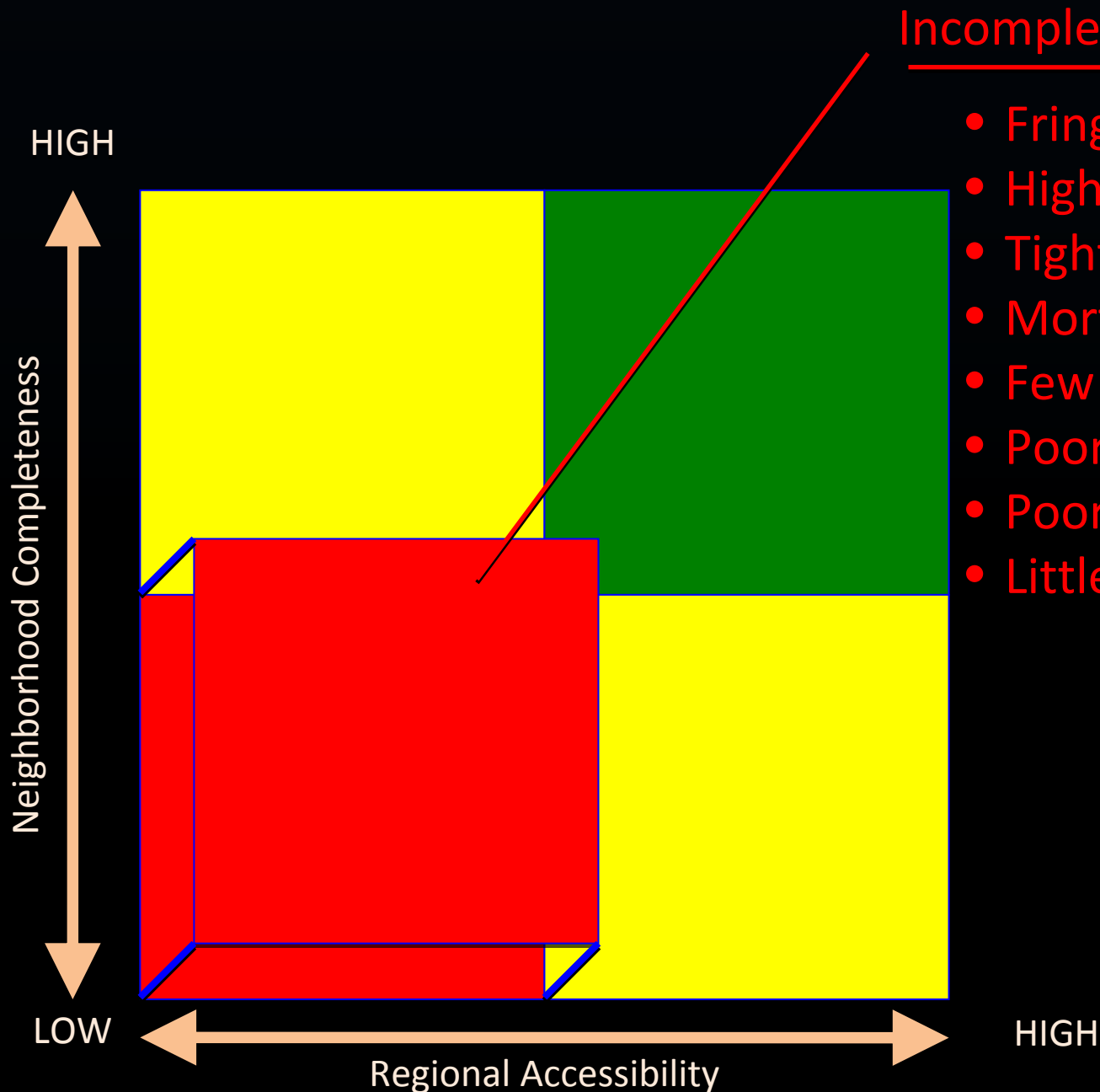


## Incomplete, Accessible



- First tier suburbs
- Connected sprawl
- Few walkable places
- Poor public health
- Fair to good transit
- Good access to jobs
- Higher housing costs





### Incomplete, Low Accessibility

- Fringe & exurban sprawl
- High oil dependency
- Tight household budgets
- Mortgage foreclosures
- Few walkable places
- Poor public health
- Poor access to jobs
- Little or no transit

# Location Efficiency Outcomes

- VMT per capita
- Access to daily household needs
- Walkability, active living
- Household transportation costs
- Business transportation costs
- Economic viability
- Access to jobs & opportunities

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“Location Efficiency” =

Complete Neighborhoods + Regional Access

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# “Livability”

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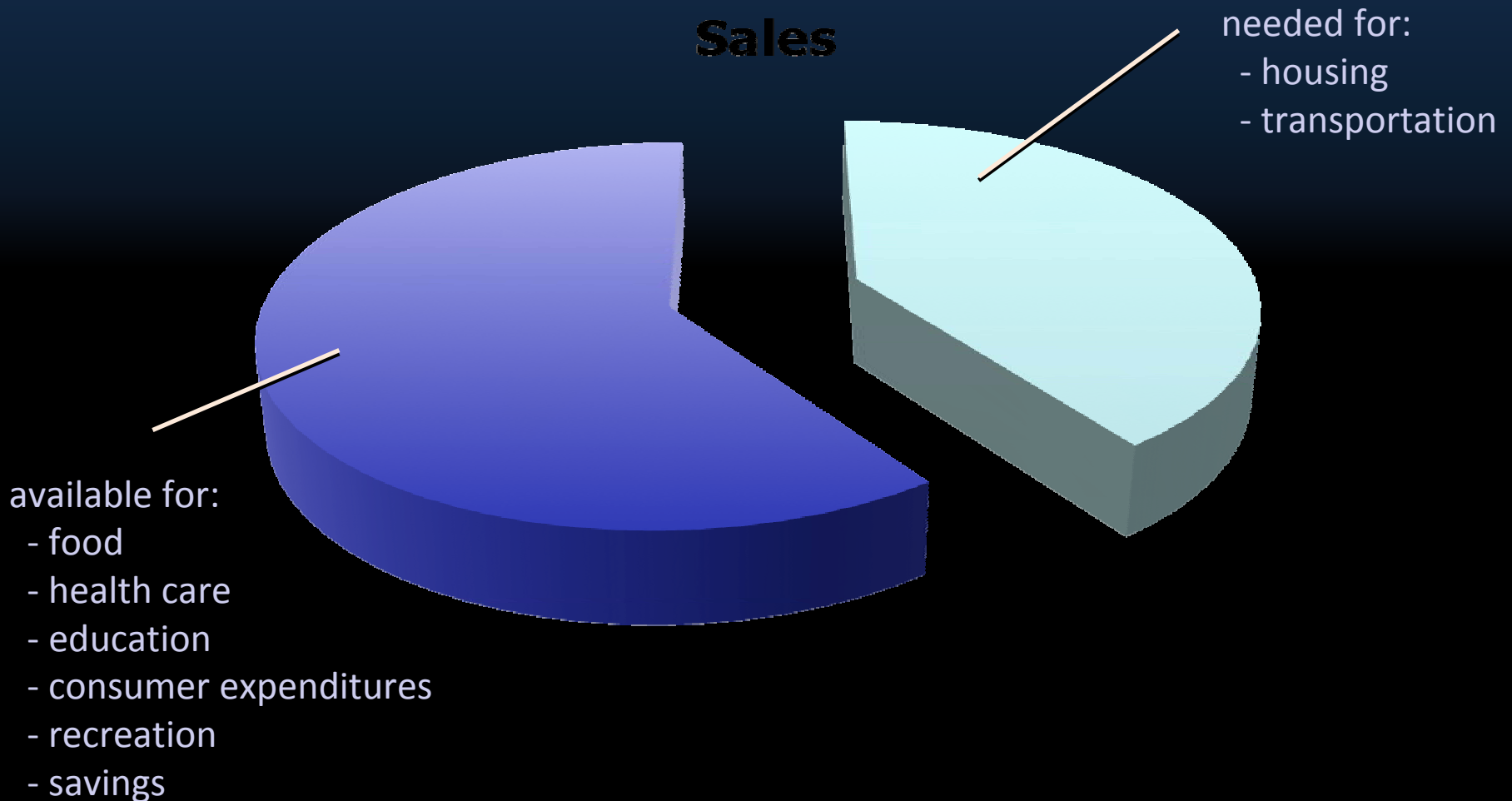
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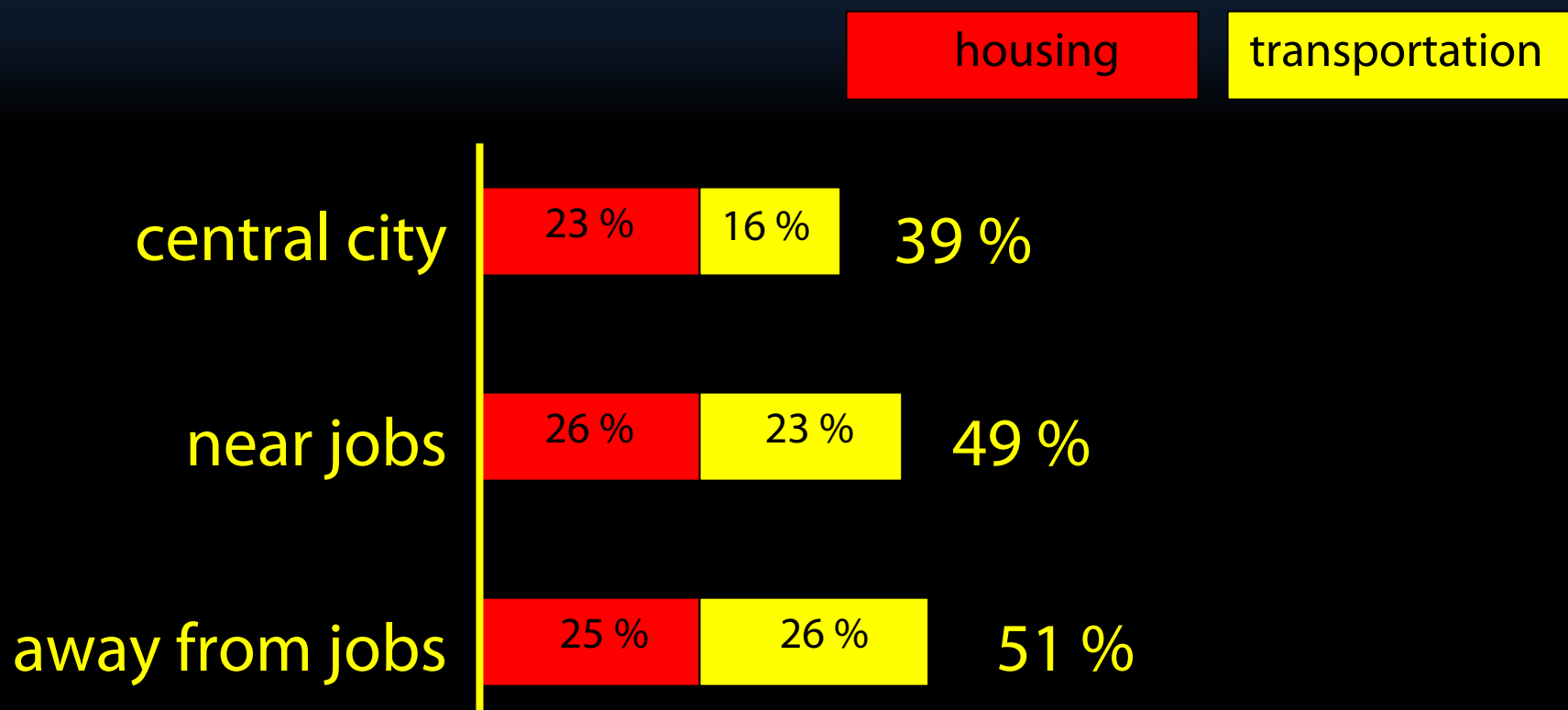
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# household economics



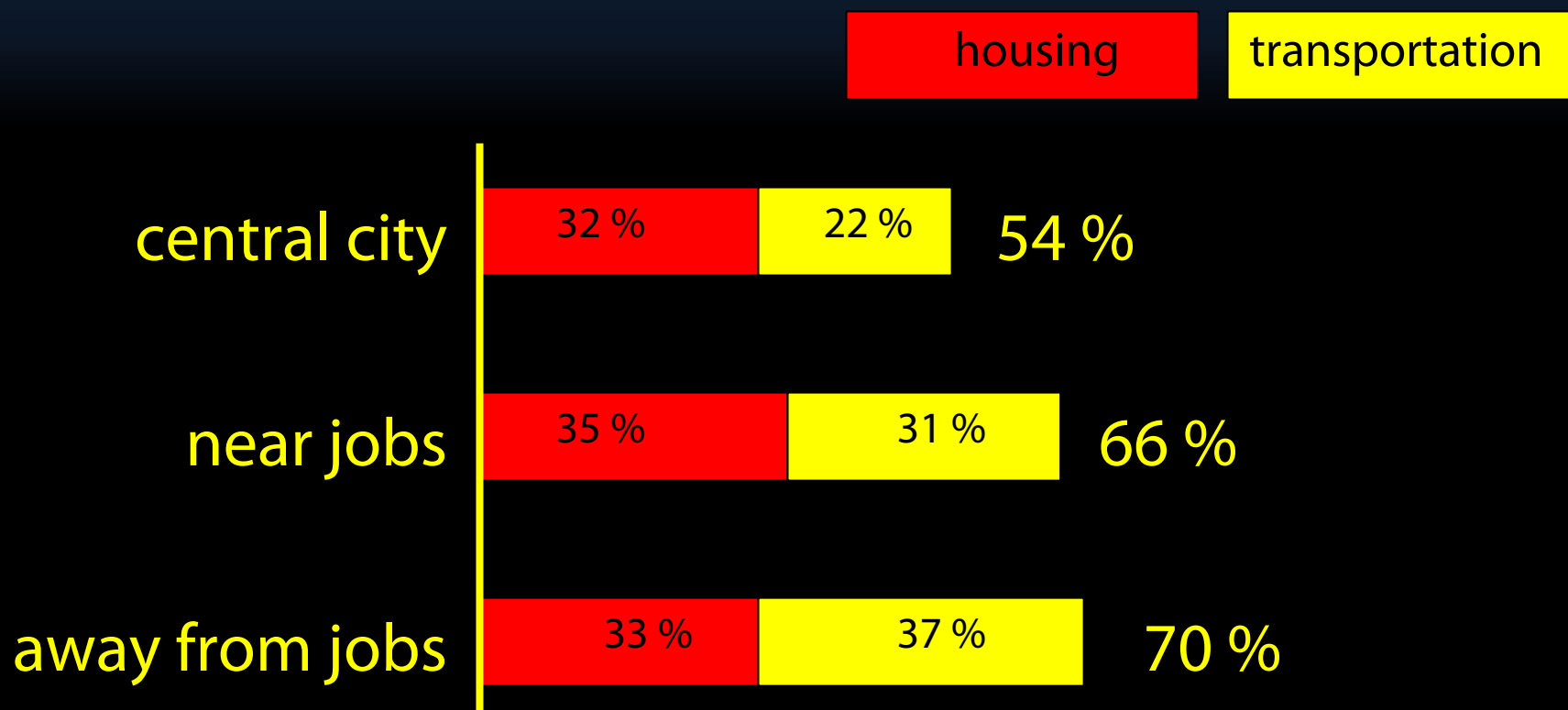
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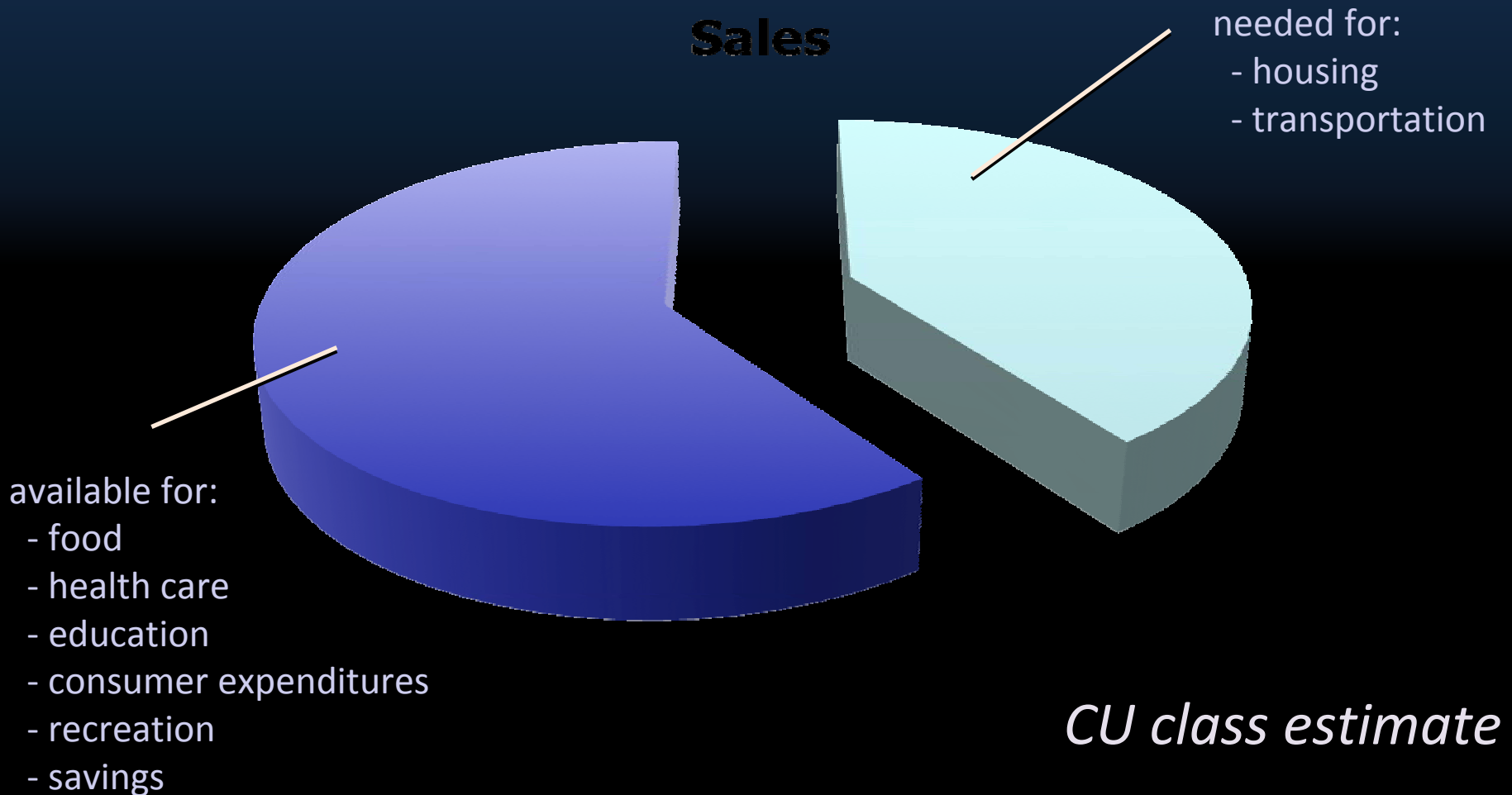
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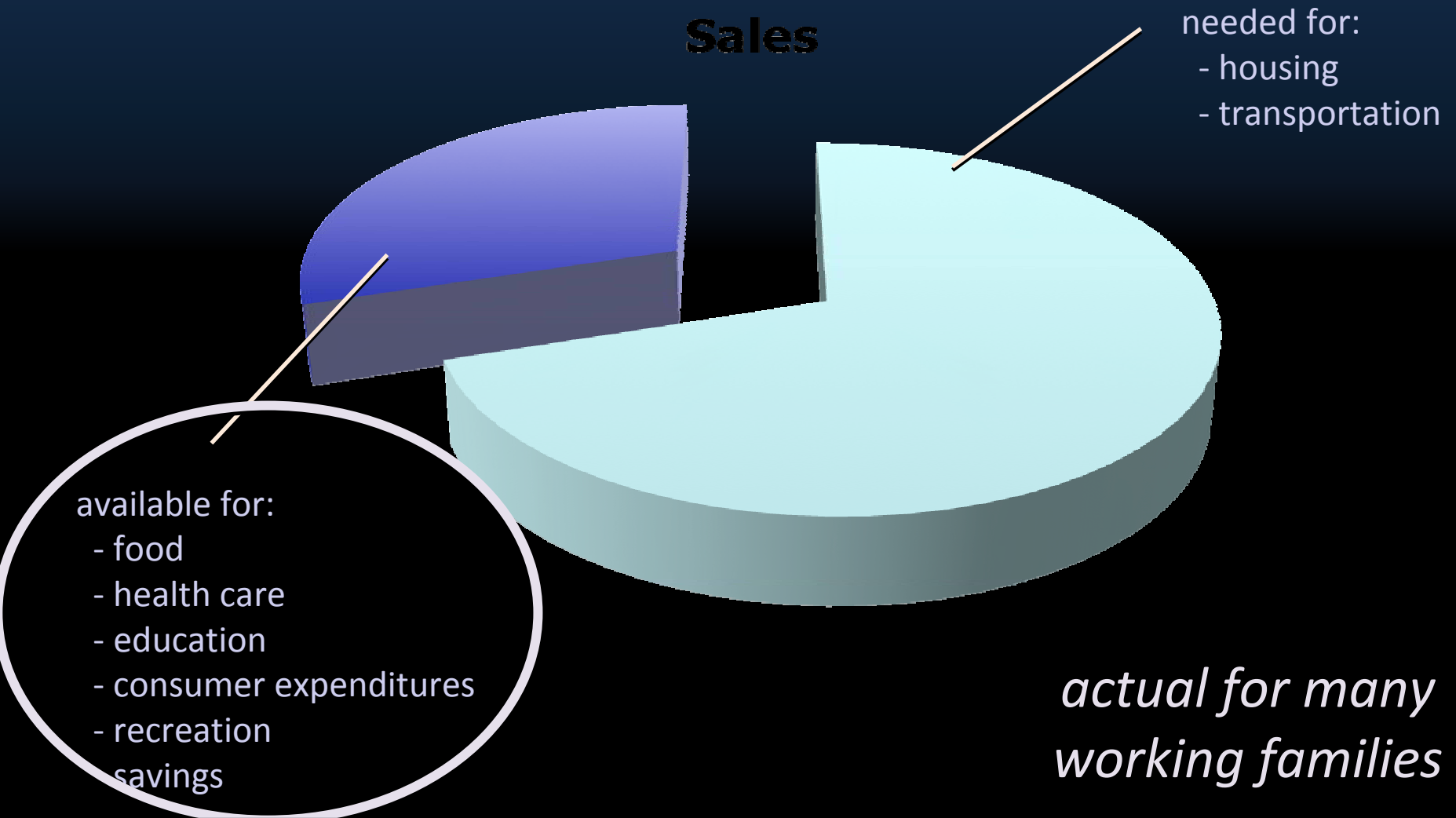




# household economics



# household economics



# Impact on Local Economies

*How much household income is left for:*

FOOD	...cheaper, less nutritious foods
HEALTH CARE	...less insurance, less preventive care
EDUCATION	...less higher education
SHOPPING	...lower sales tax receipts
RECREATION	...less sports activity, less exercise
SAVINGS	...lower savings rate, higher cost of capital

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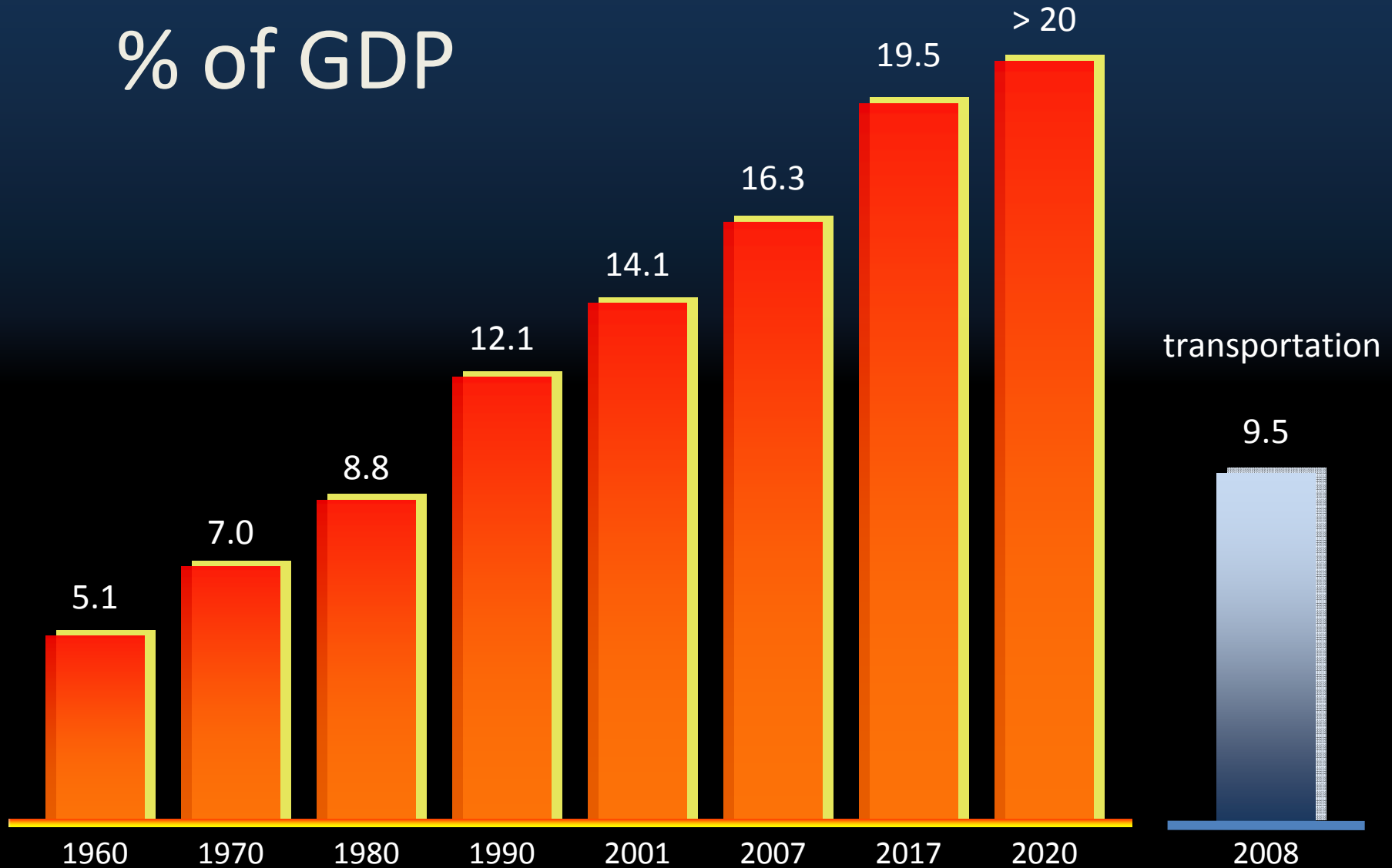
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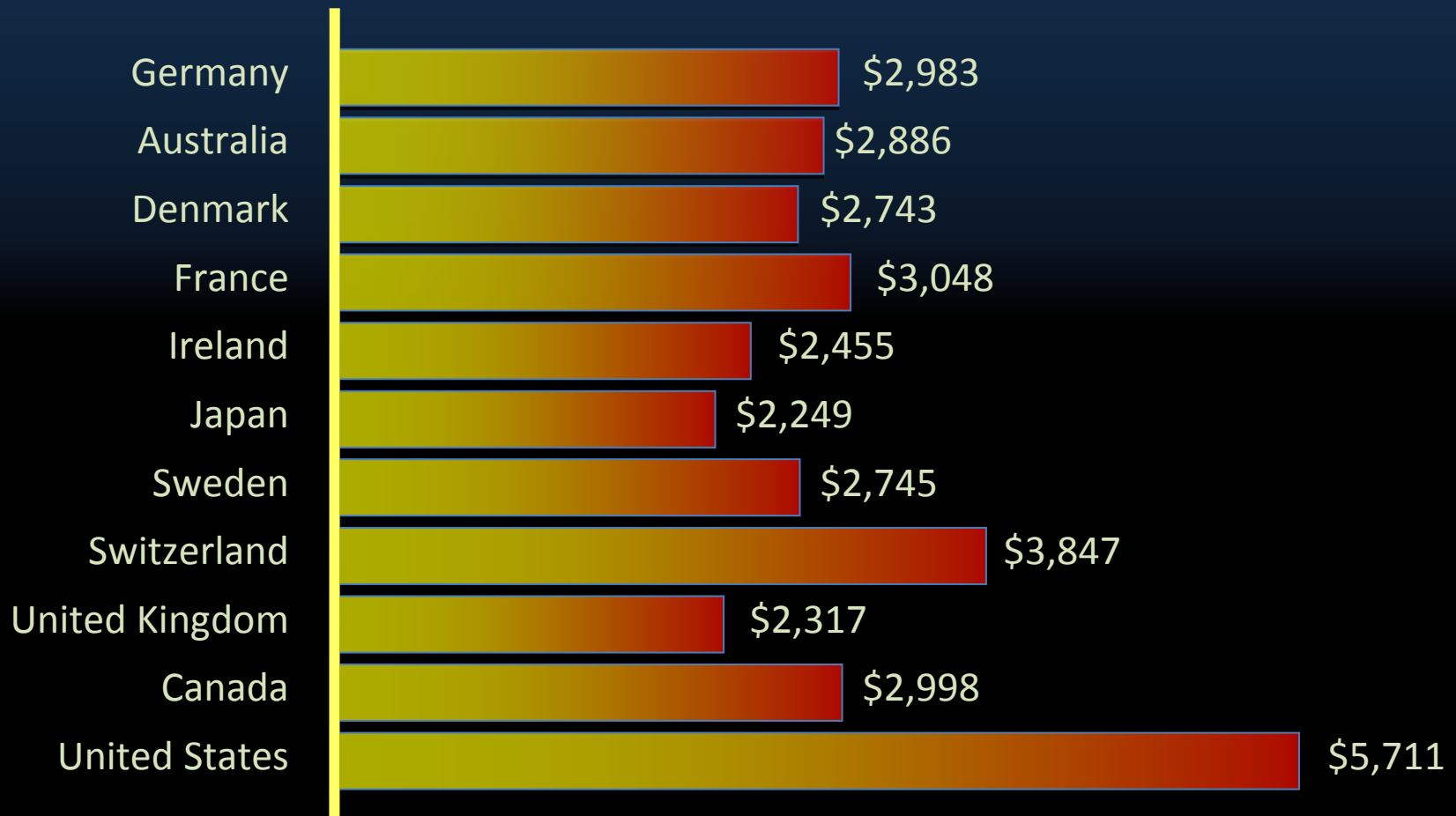
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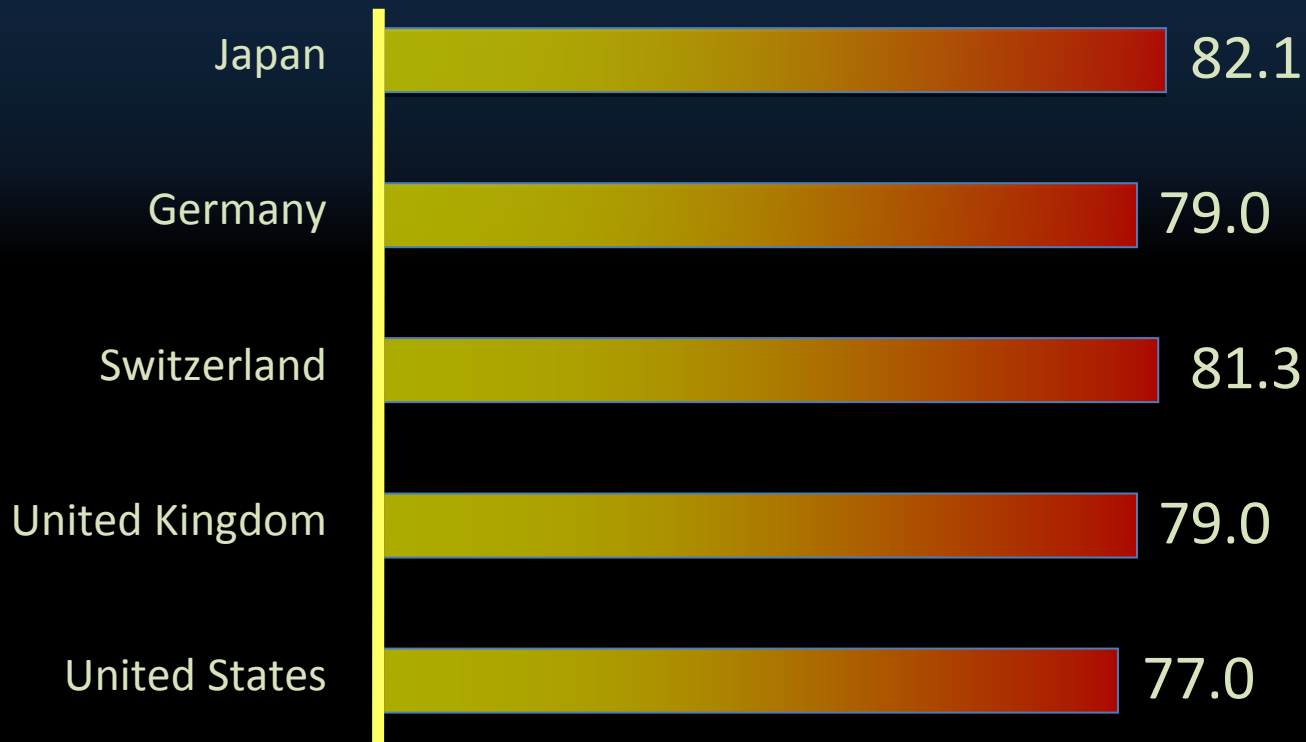
# US Health Care % of GDP



# Annual Health Care Costs/Capita

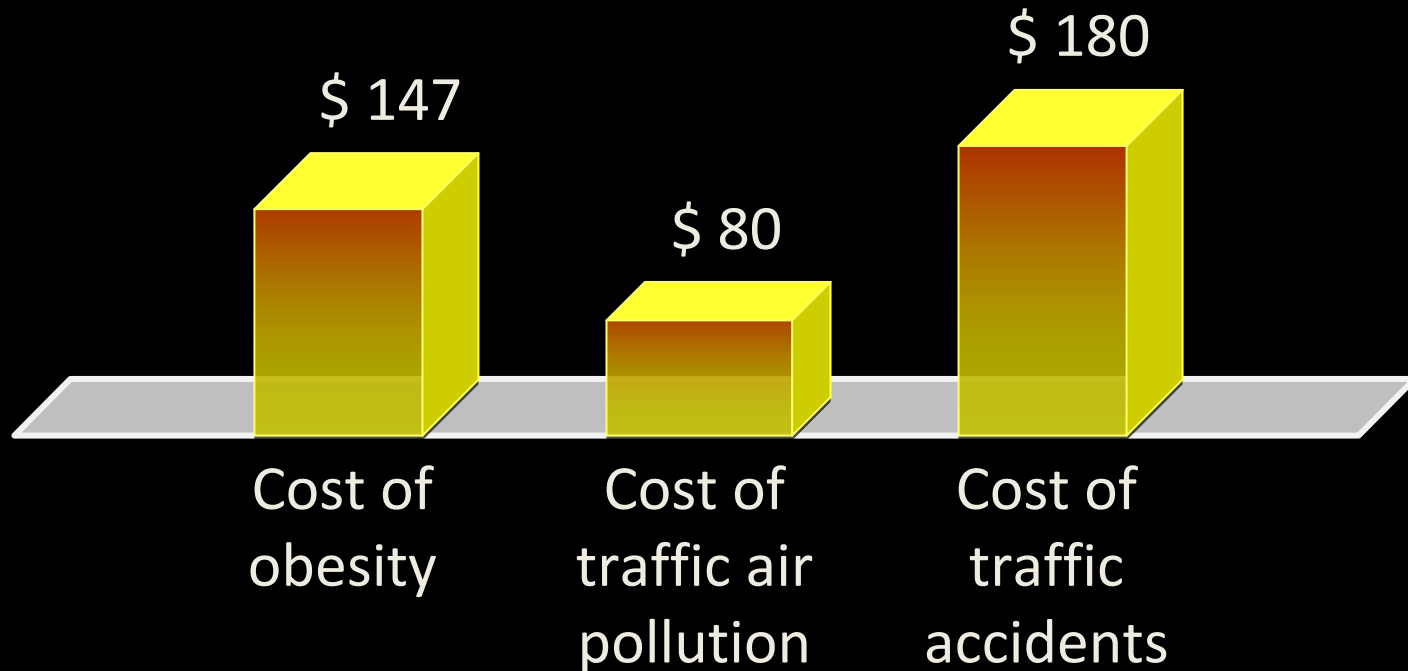


# Average Life Expectancy



# Scale – United States Economy

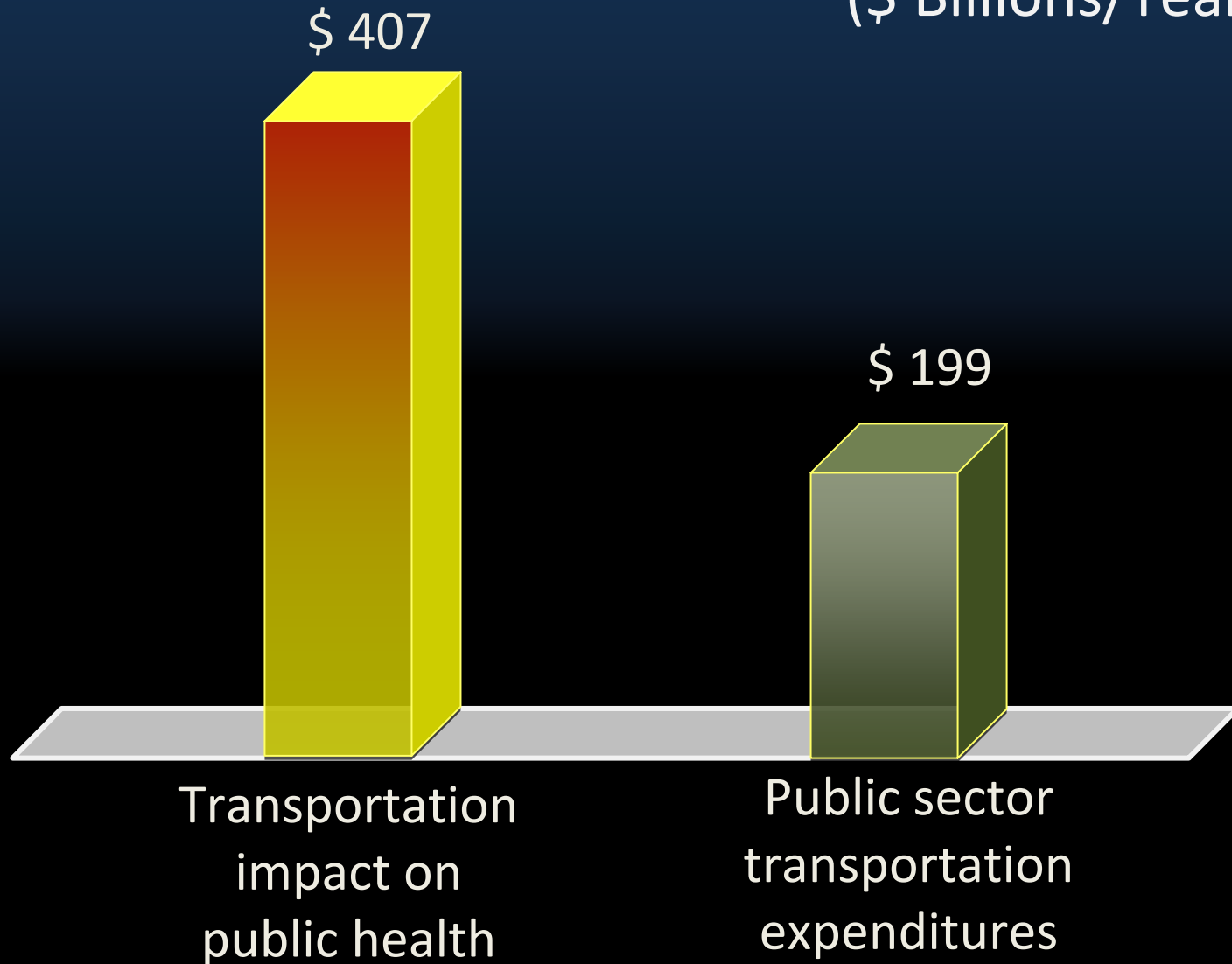
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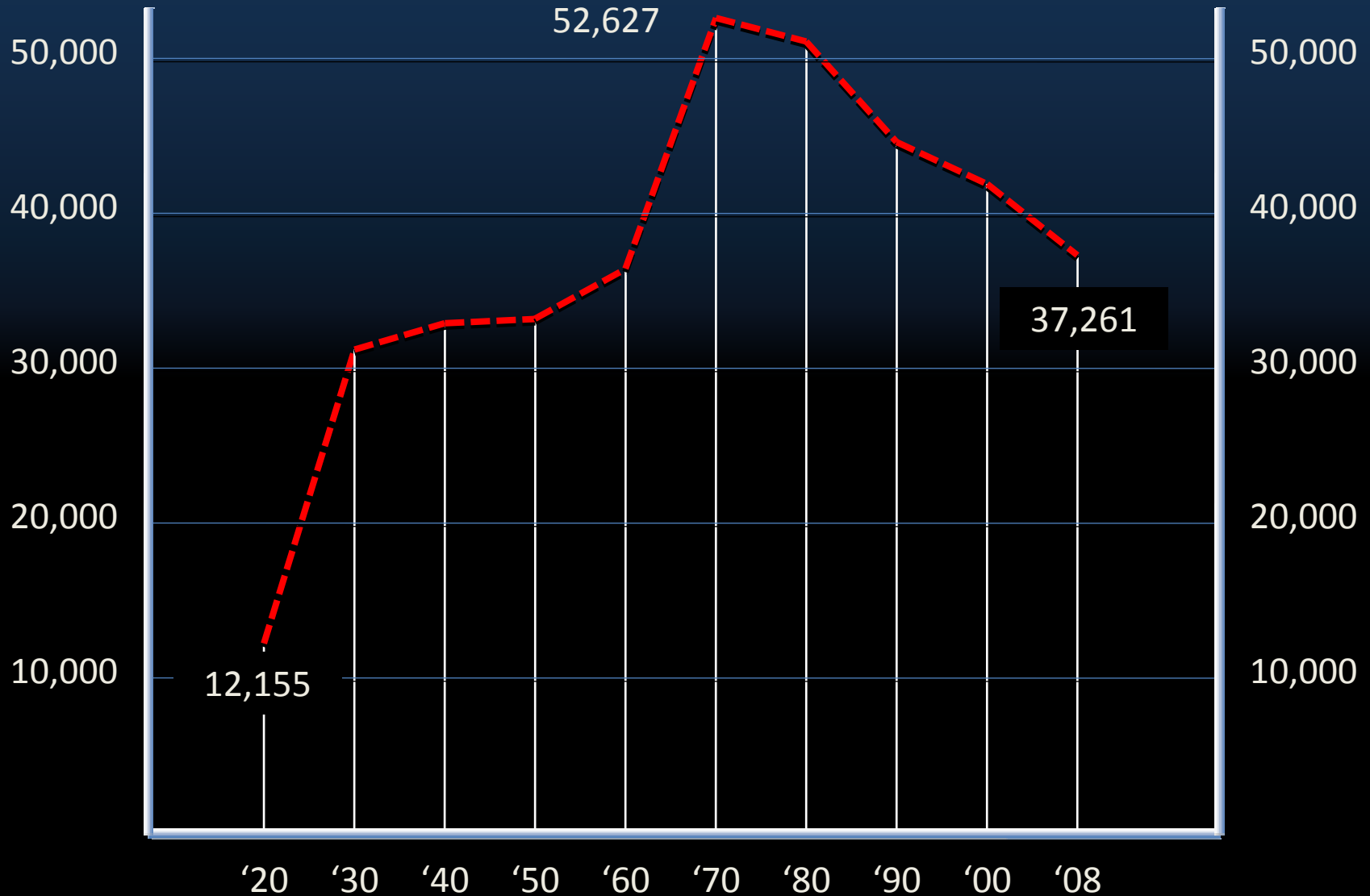


# Transportation & Public Health

Traffic Safety + Personal Health

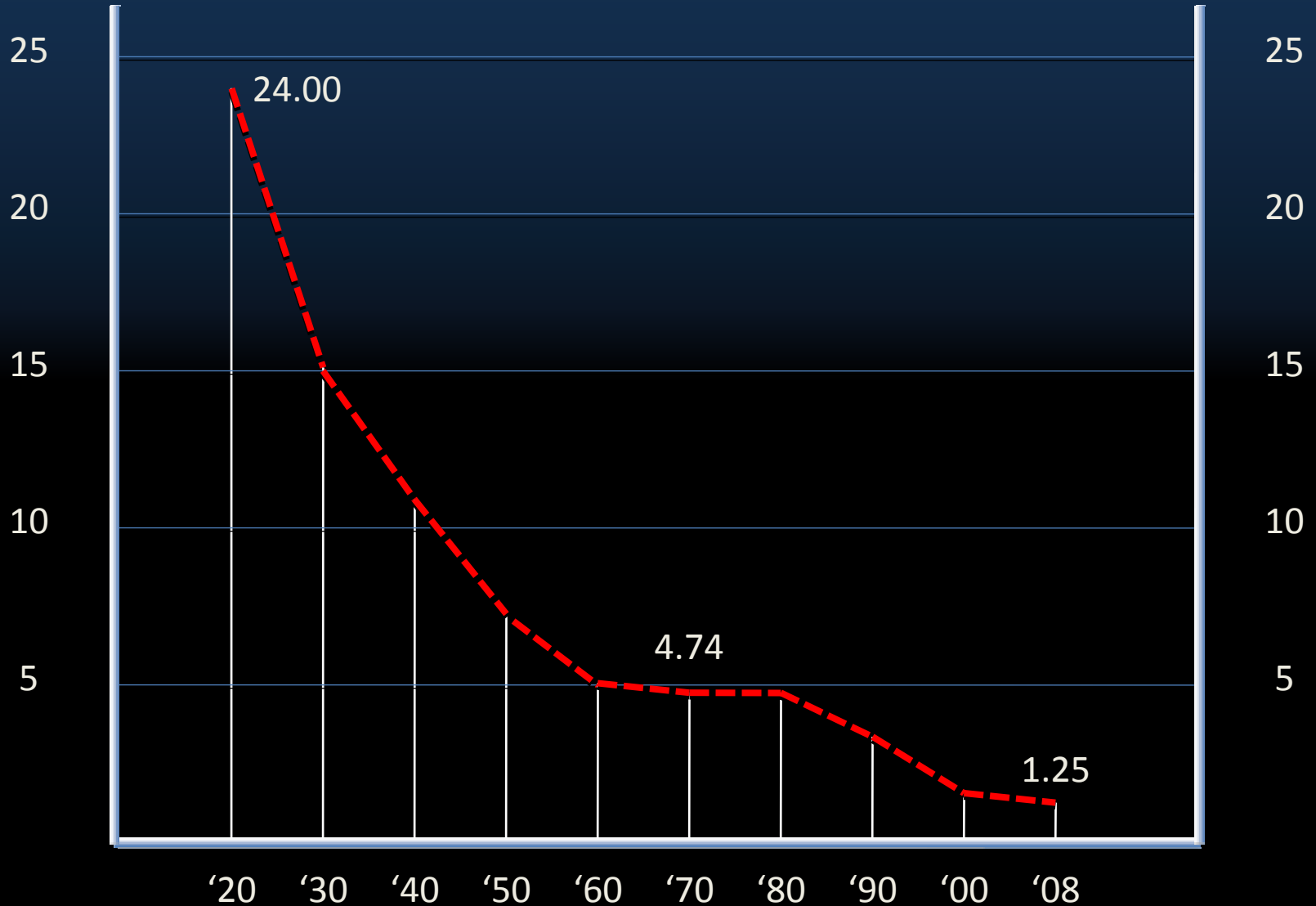


# Annual US Traffic Fatalities



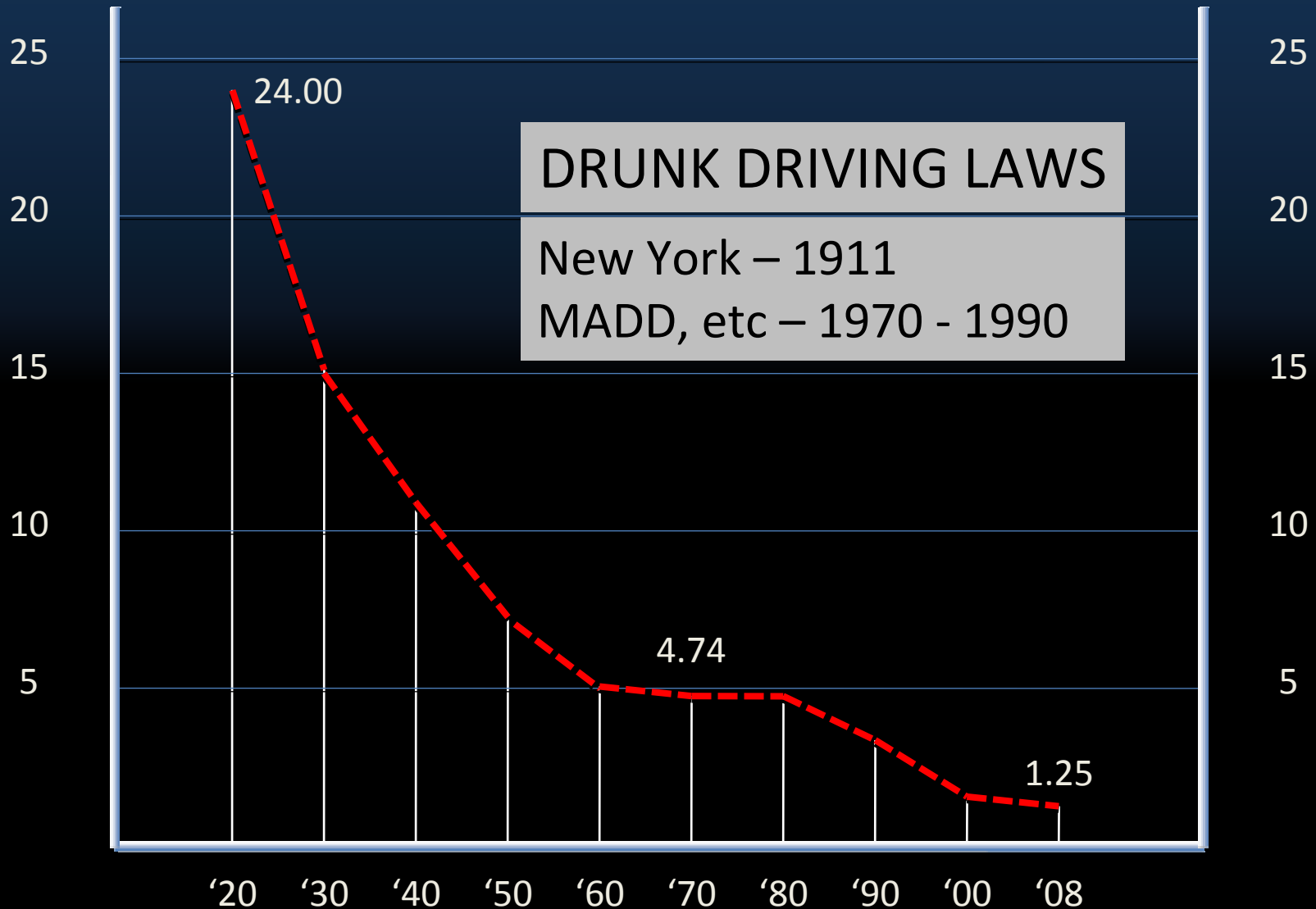
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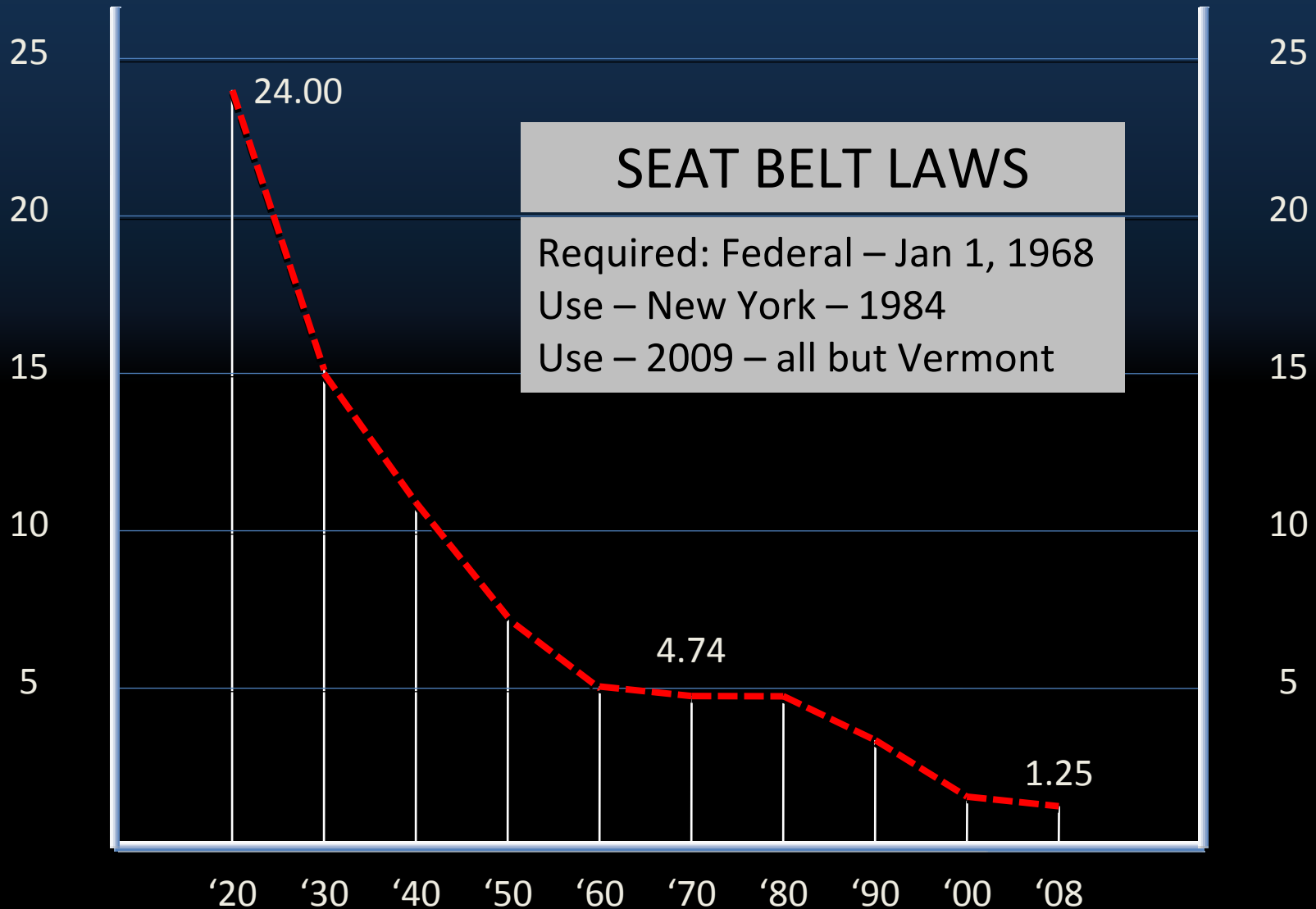
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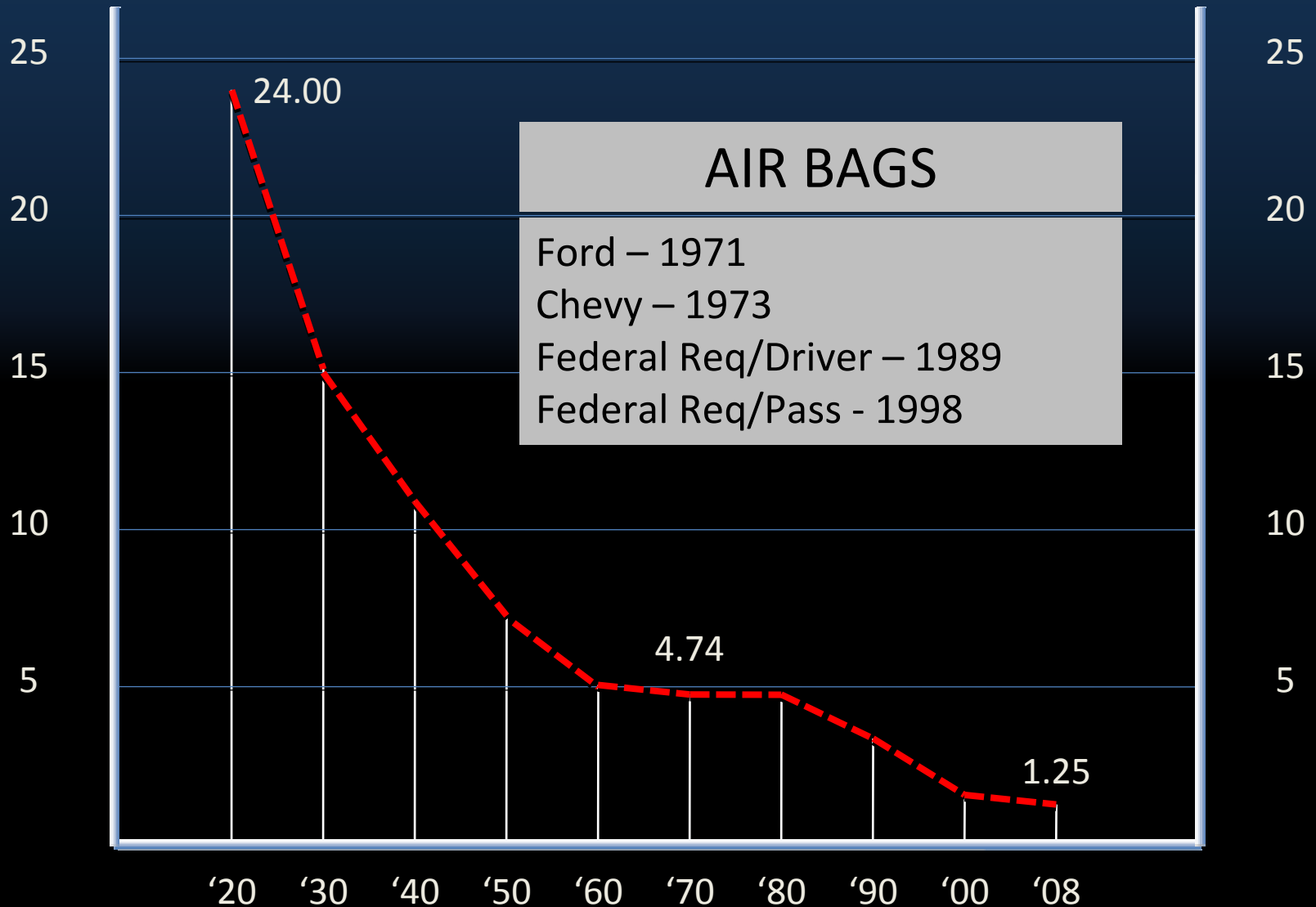
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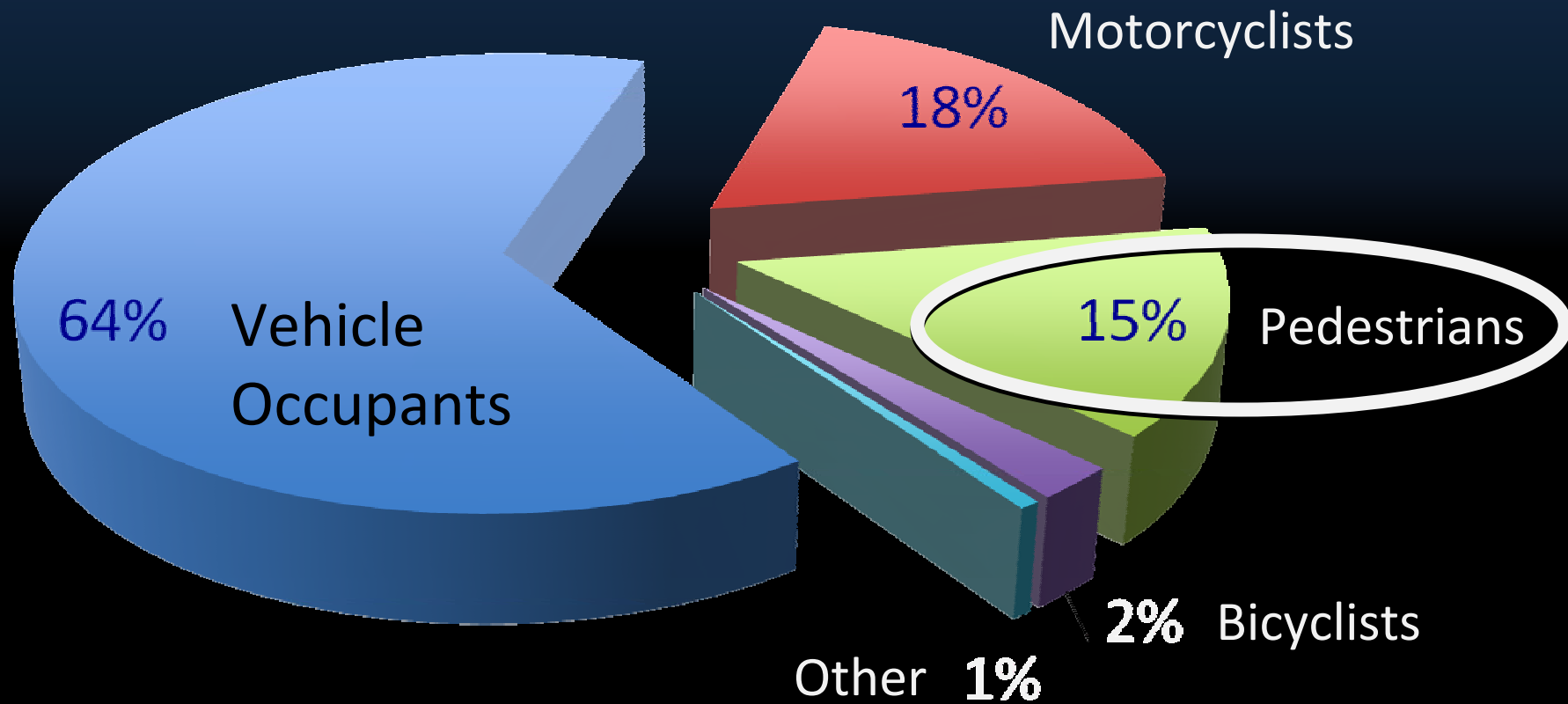


“Changes in highway infrastructure between 1984 and 1997 have not reduced traffic fatalities and injuries, and have even had the effect of increasing total fatalities and injuries.

Other factors, primarily changes in the demographic age mix of the population, increased seat belt usage, and improvements in medical technology are responsible for the downward trend in fatal accidents.”

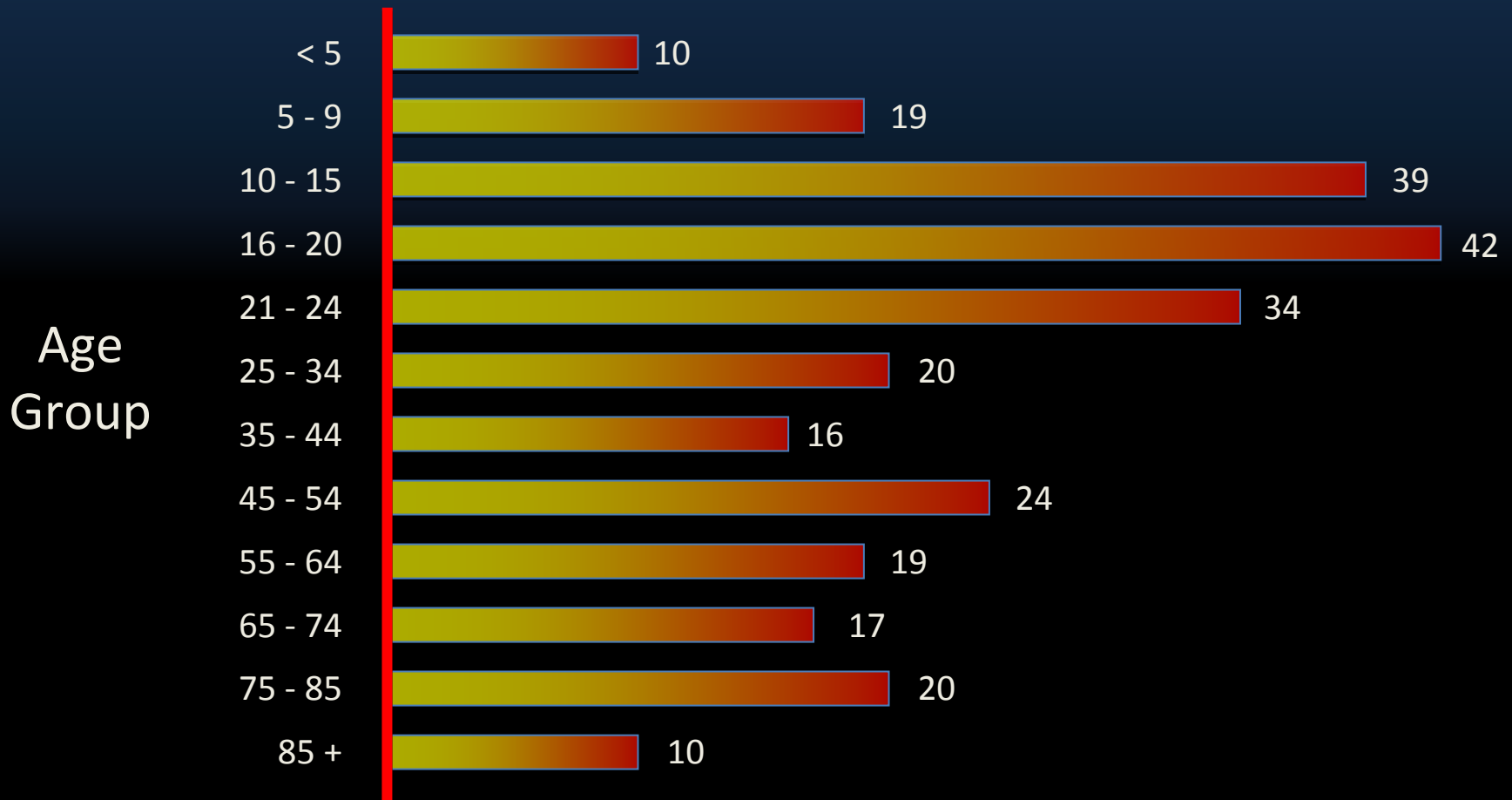


# 2008 Fatalities



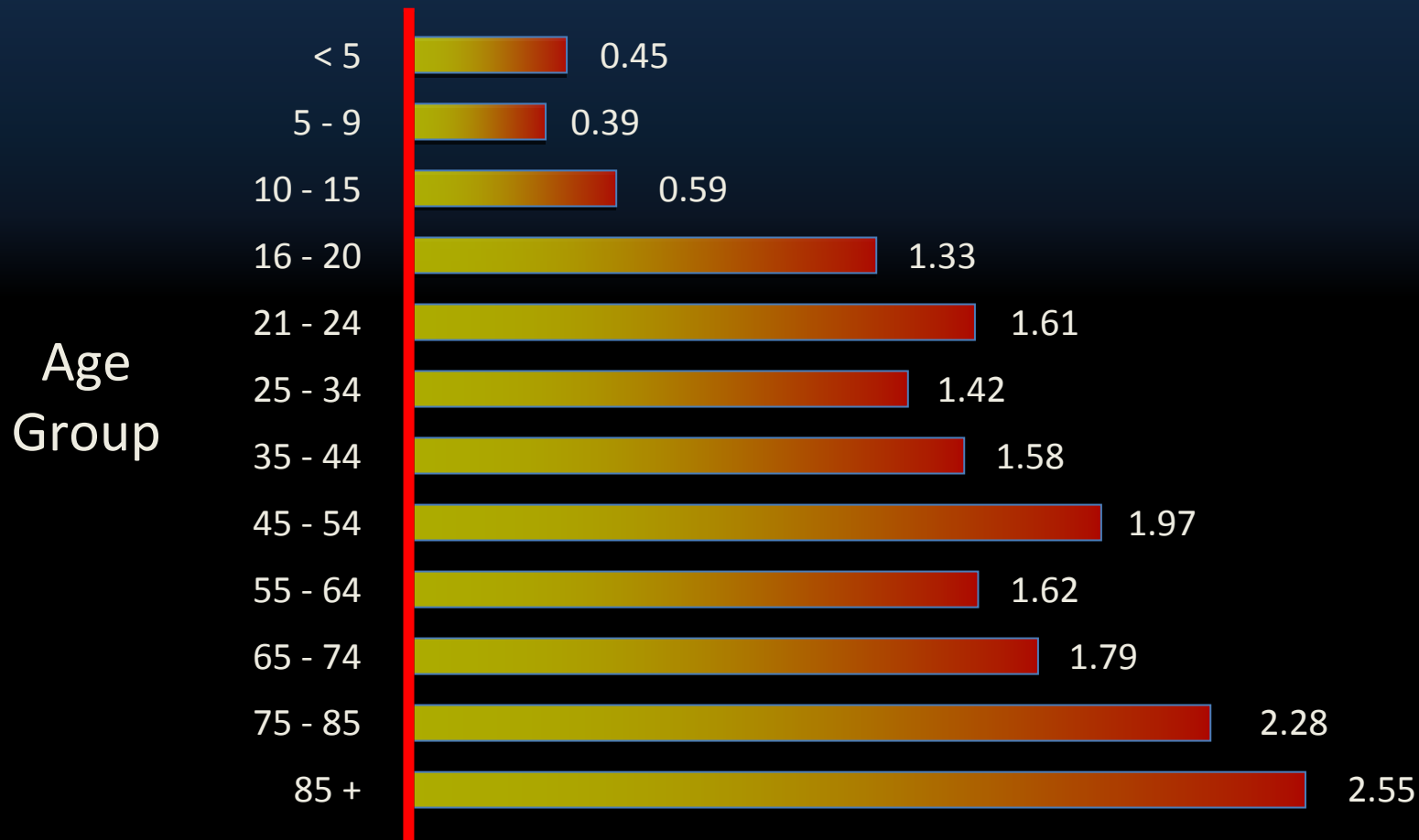
# US Injury Rate: Pedestrians Hit by Motor Vehicles

(rate/100,000 population)



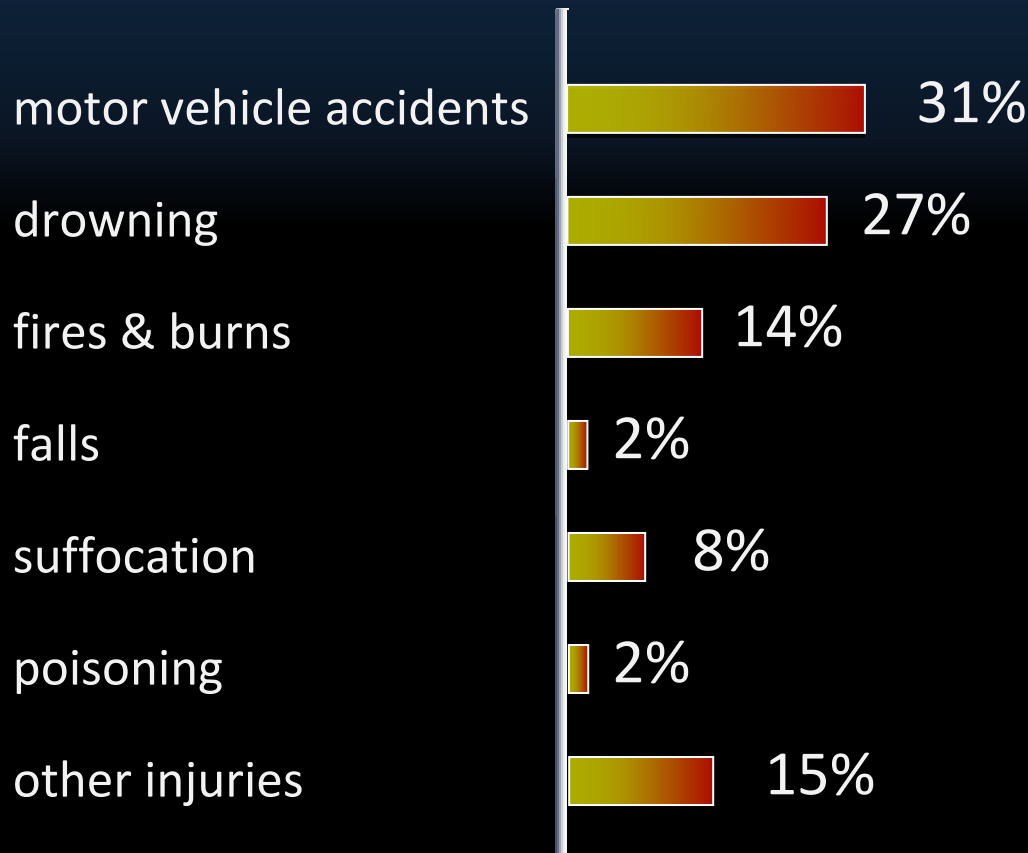
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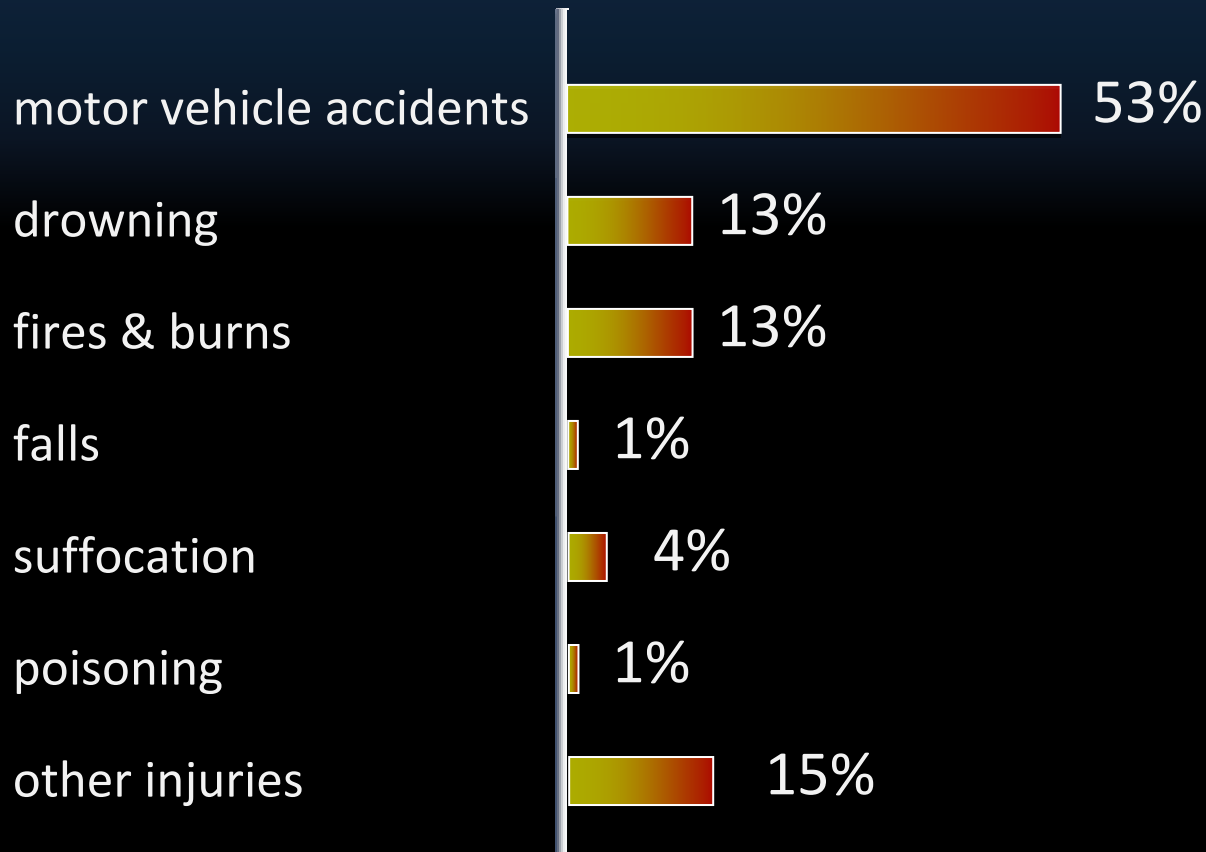
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age 1 - 4



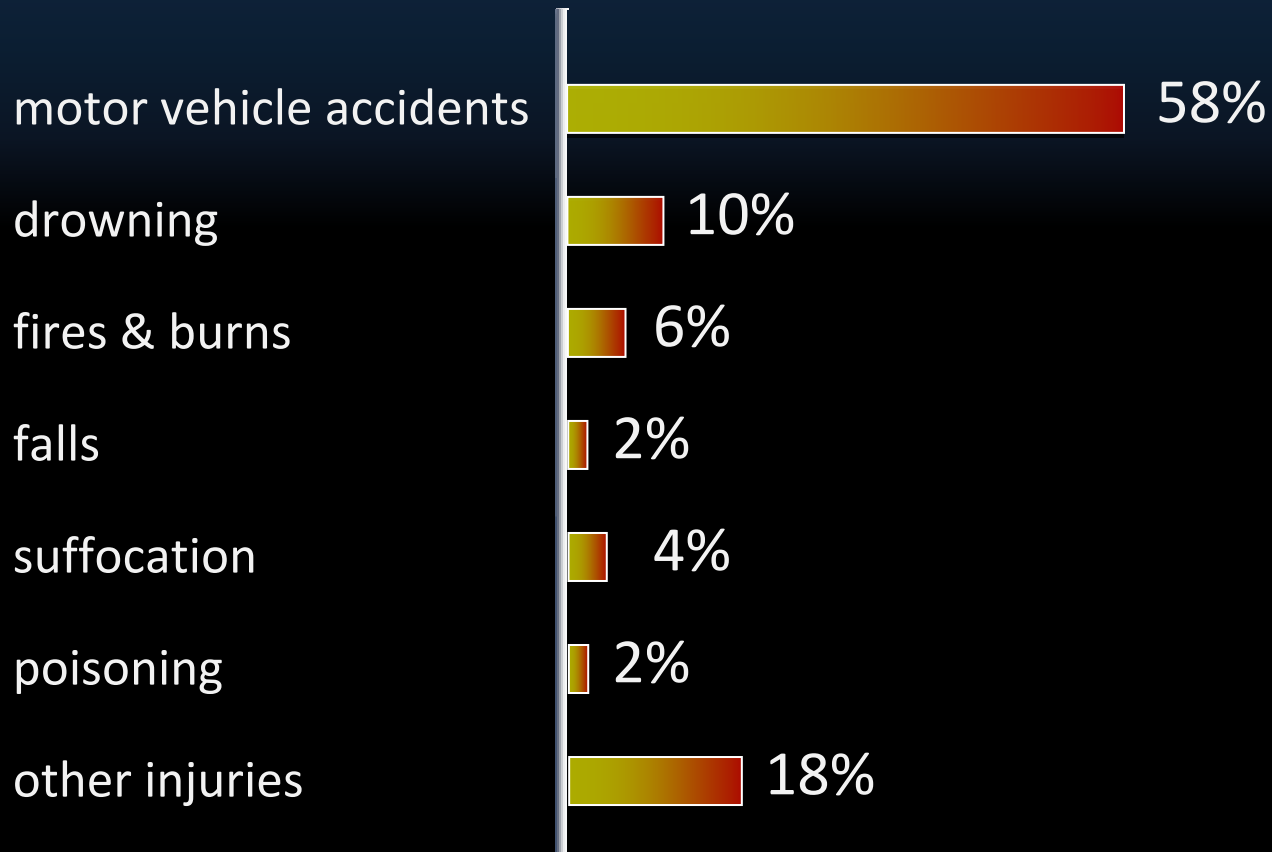
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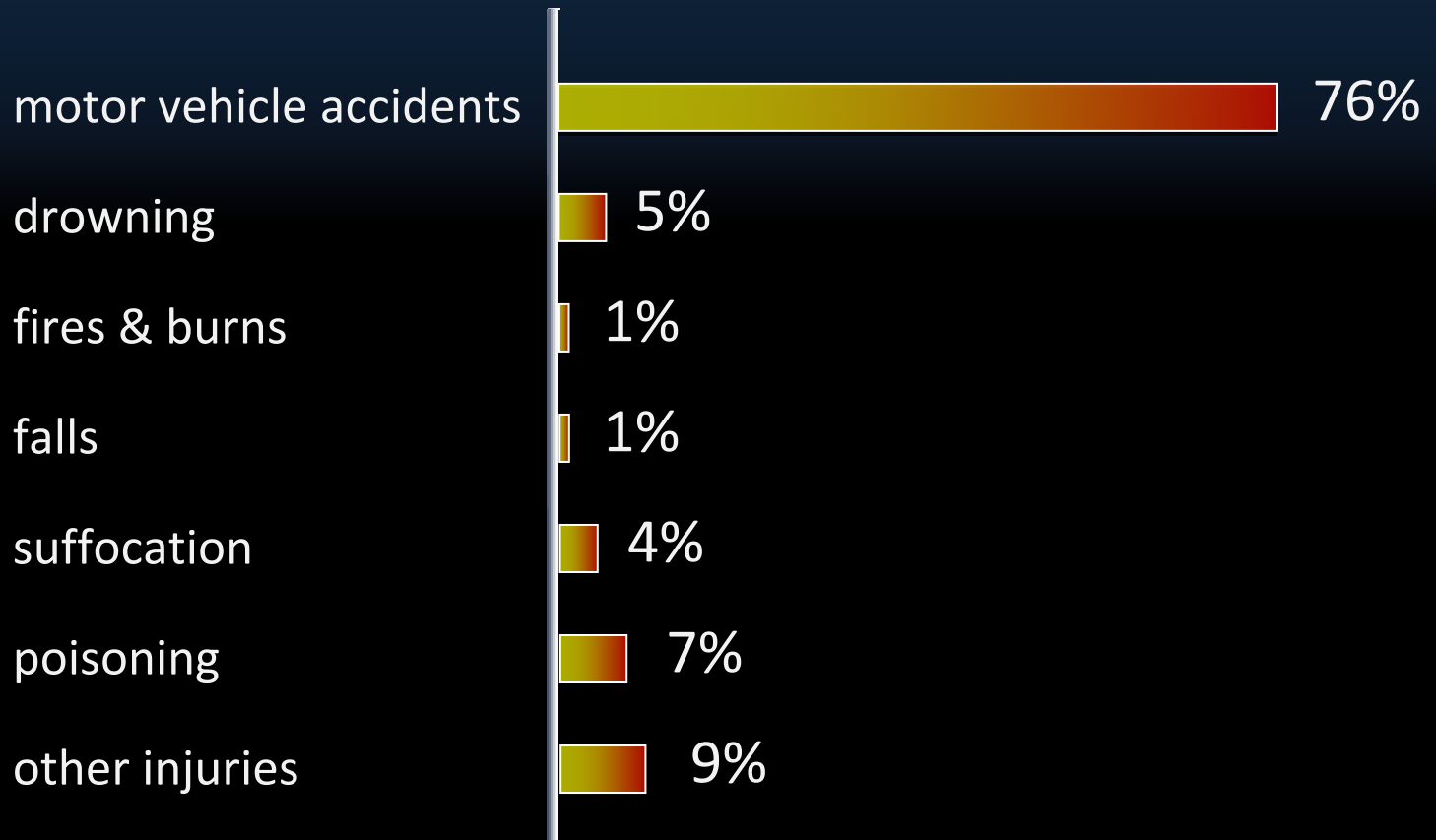
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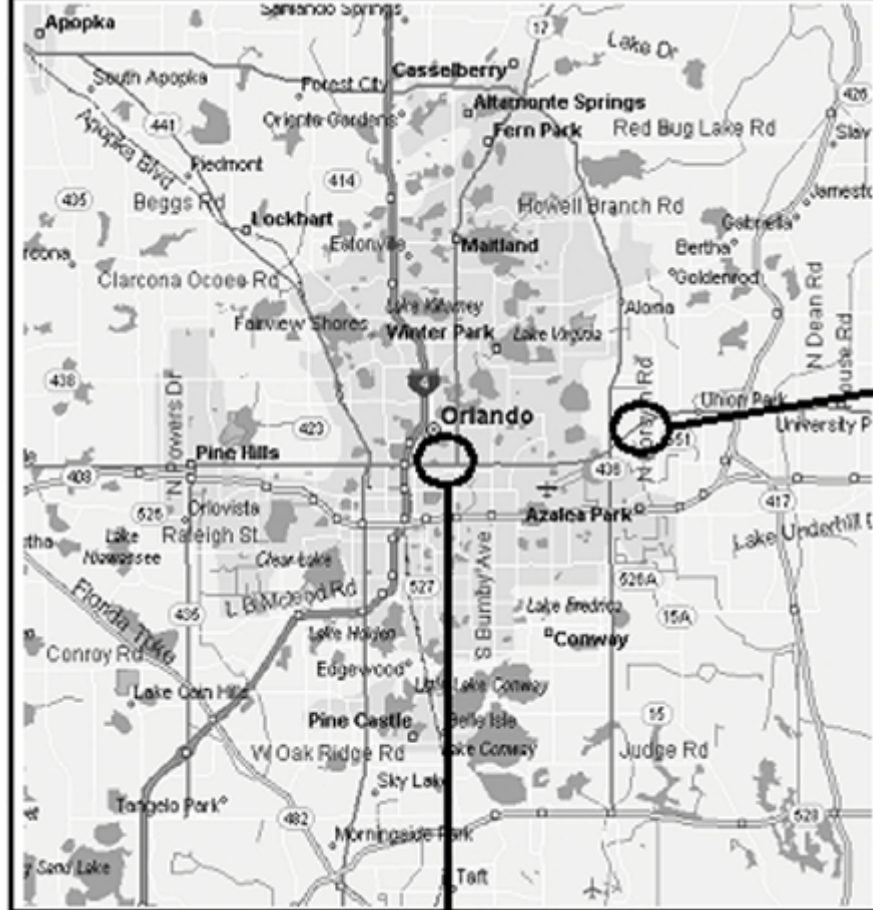
age 10 – 14



# Traffic accidents are the leading cause of unintentional injury death in children

age 15 – 19





## Colonial Drive: Comparison section



## Colonial Drive: Livable section



# Humans:

- recently descended from nomadic hunter/gatherers...
- walked & worked, burning calories
- experienced the world @ 2 – 3mph
- bodies were designed for collisions @ < 5 mph

we evolved as “walkers”

we are still “walkers”



# human history



this is what we do...

...but it is not who we are.



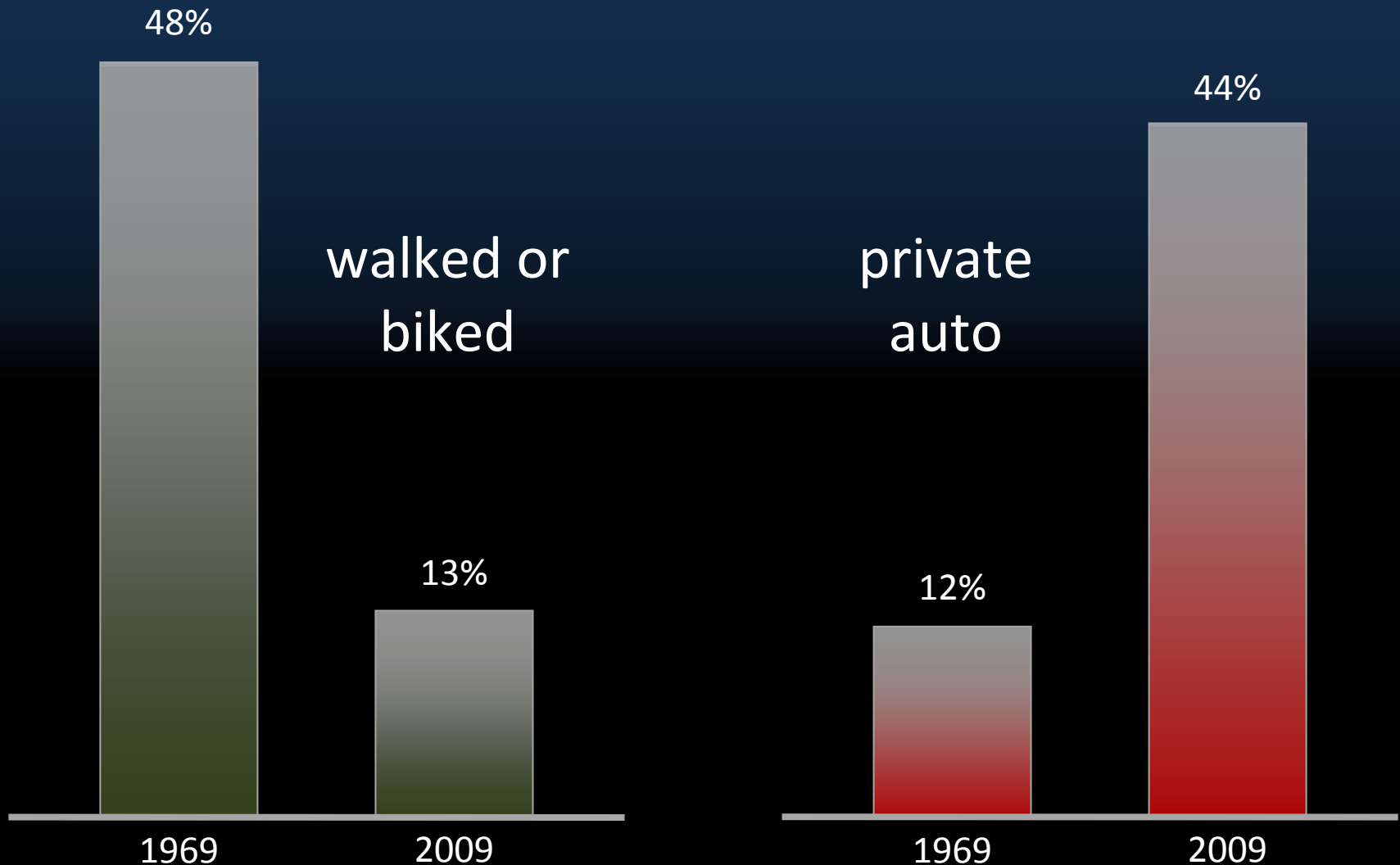
we cannot escape our DNA...

...no matter how hard we try



# How Children Get to School

\*(ages 5 – 14)



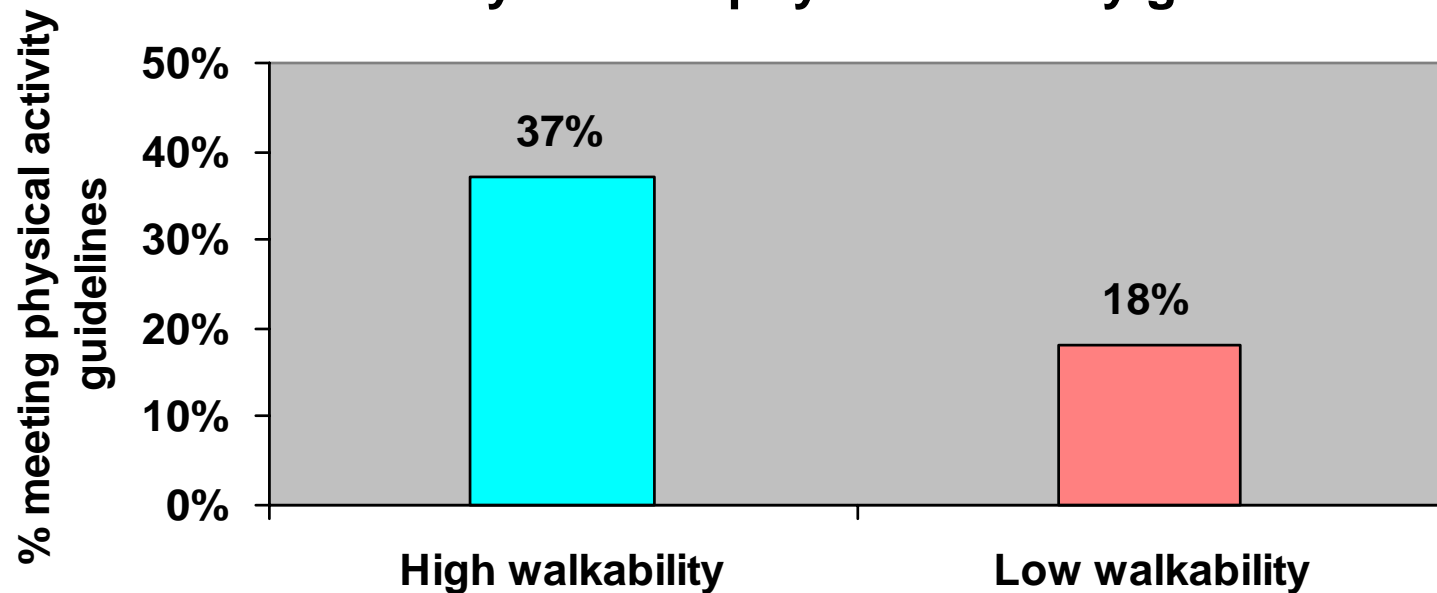


# Research

- US Centers for Disease Control
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

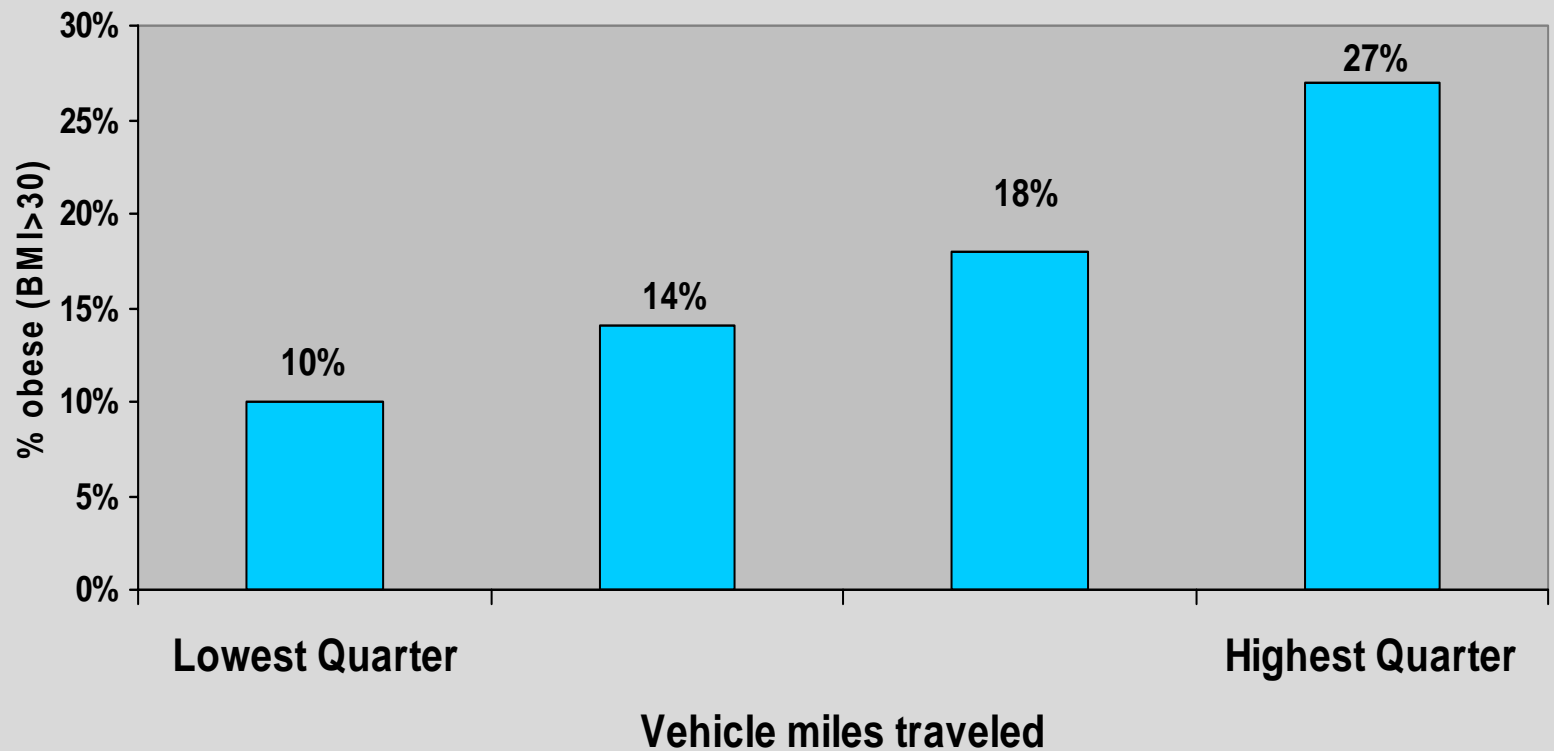
# Extensive Research

**Residents of walkable neighborhoods were more likely to meet physical activity guidelines**



# Extensive Research

Driving is a risk factor for obesity



# Extensive Research

## States with the Highest Rates of Physical Inactivity

Rank	State	Percentage of Adult Physical Inactivity (Based on 2006-2008 Combined Data, Including Confidence Intervals)	Obesity Ranking
1	Mississippi	31.8% (+/-0.9)	1
2	Kentucky	30.4% (+/-1.0)	7
3 (tie)	Louisiana	30.3% (+/-0.9)	8
3 (tie)	Oklahoma	30.3% (+/-0.8)	6
5	Tennessee	29.8% (+/-1.2)	4
6	Alabama	29.5% (+/-1.0)	2
7	Arkansas	28.8% (+/-0.9)	10
8	Texas	28.4% (+/-0.9)	14
9	West Virginia	28.3% (+/-1.0)	3
10	New Jersey	26.7% (+/-0.8)	42

\*Note: For rankings, 1 = Worst Health Outcome. 1 = Highest Rates of Physical Inactivity.

# Research Conclusion #1:

People who are active as part of a  
regular daily routine  
are less obese and are healthier

“Active Living...”

# Research Conclusion #2:

People who live where walking and bicycling are convenient, safe and comfortable are much more active.

“...by Design”

“Active Living by Design”

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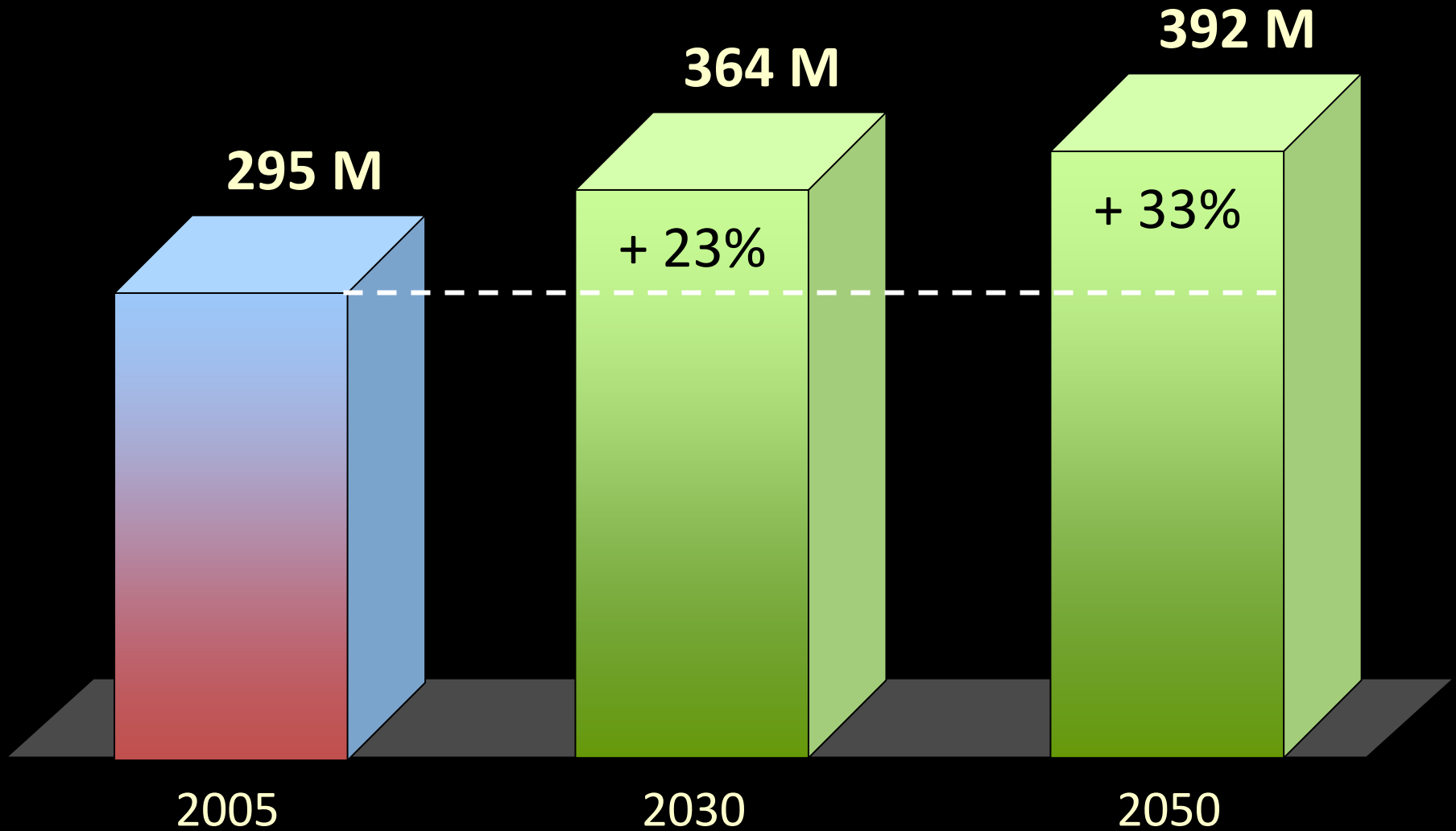
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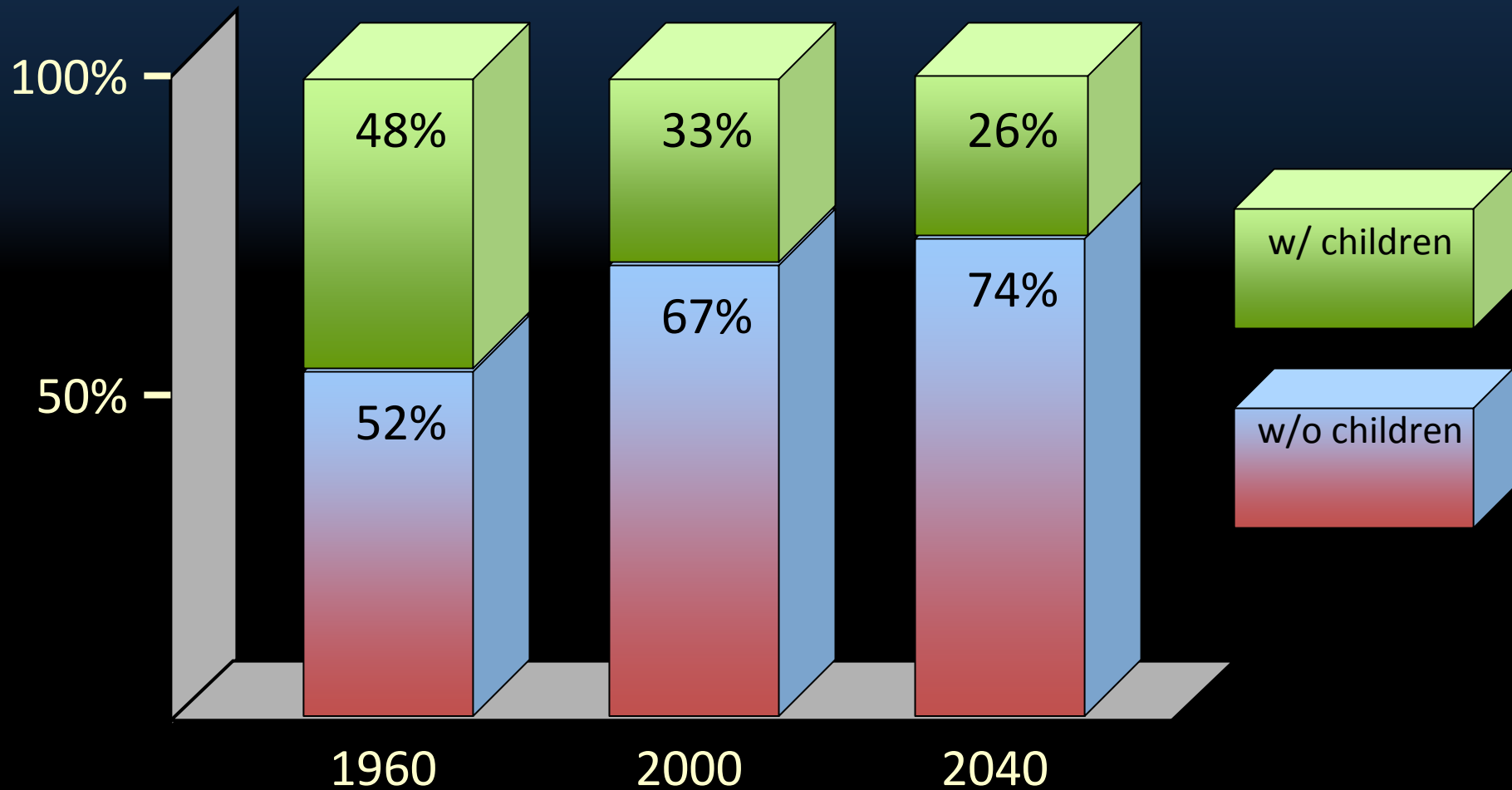
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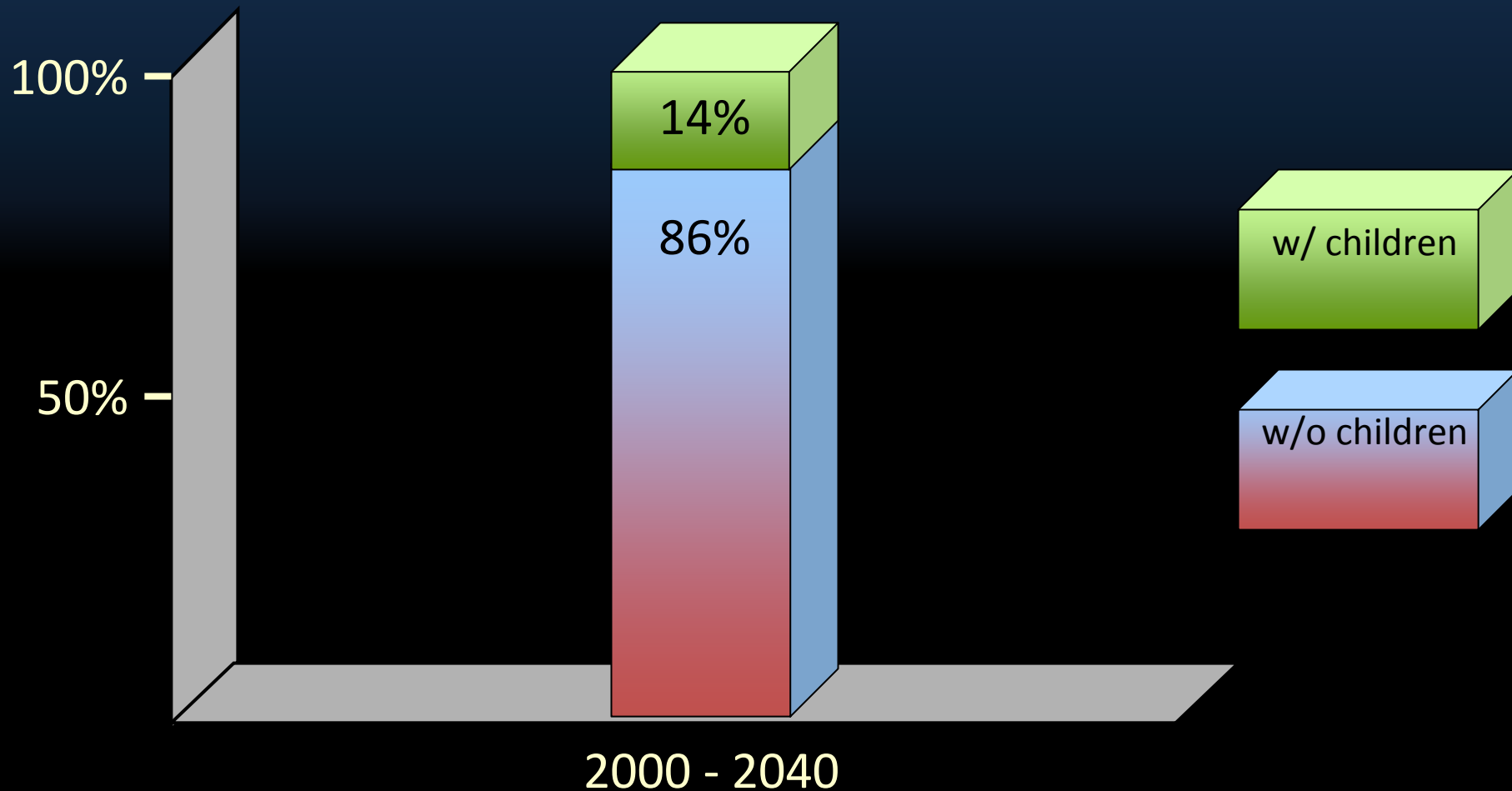
# US Population



# US Households

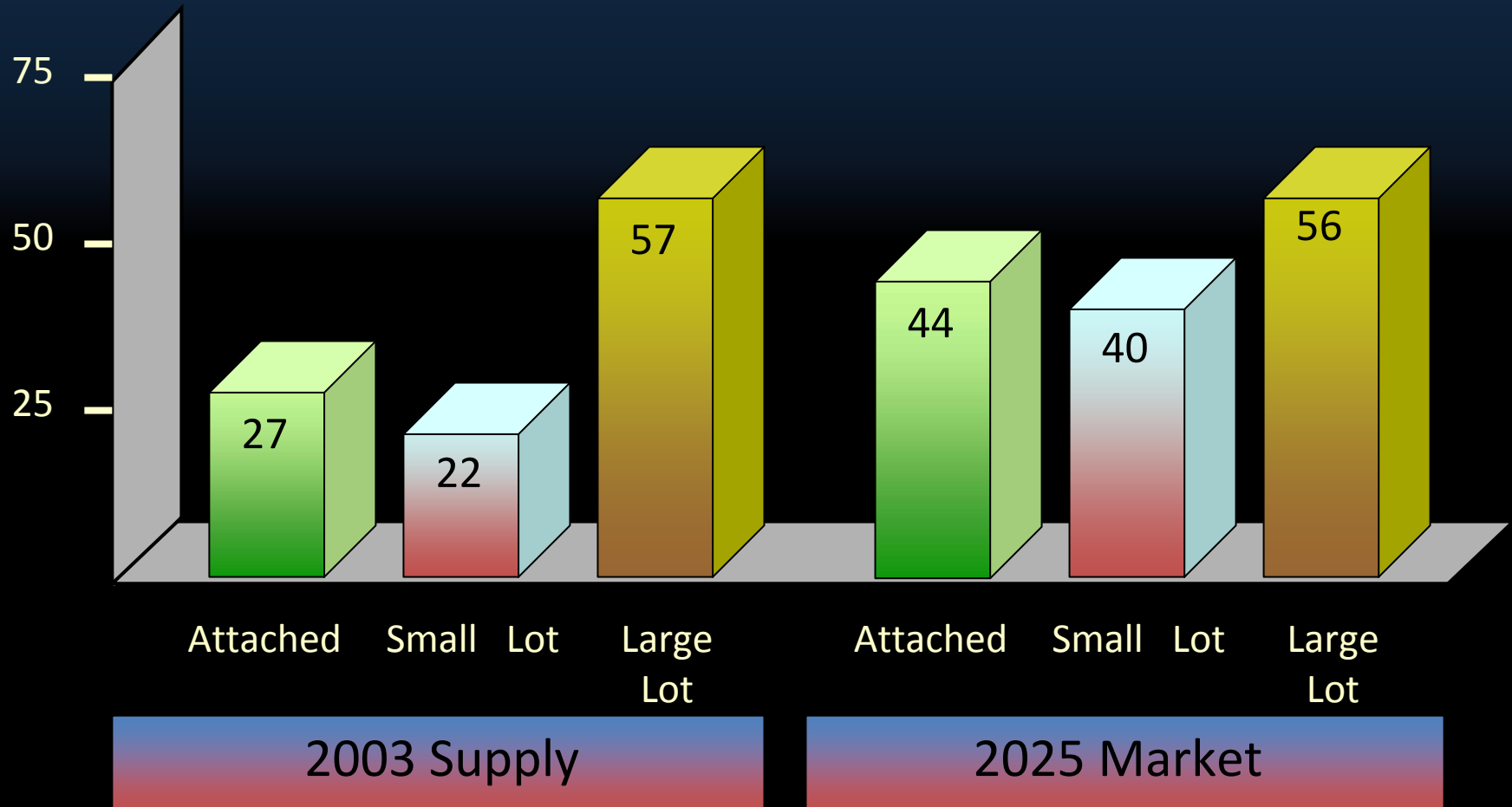


# US Households - % of Growth



# US Dwelling Units

Millions

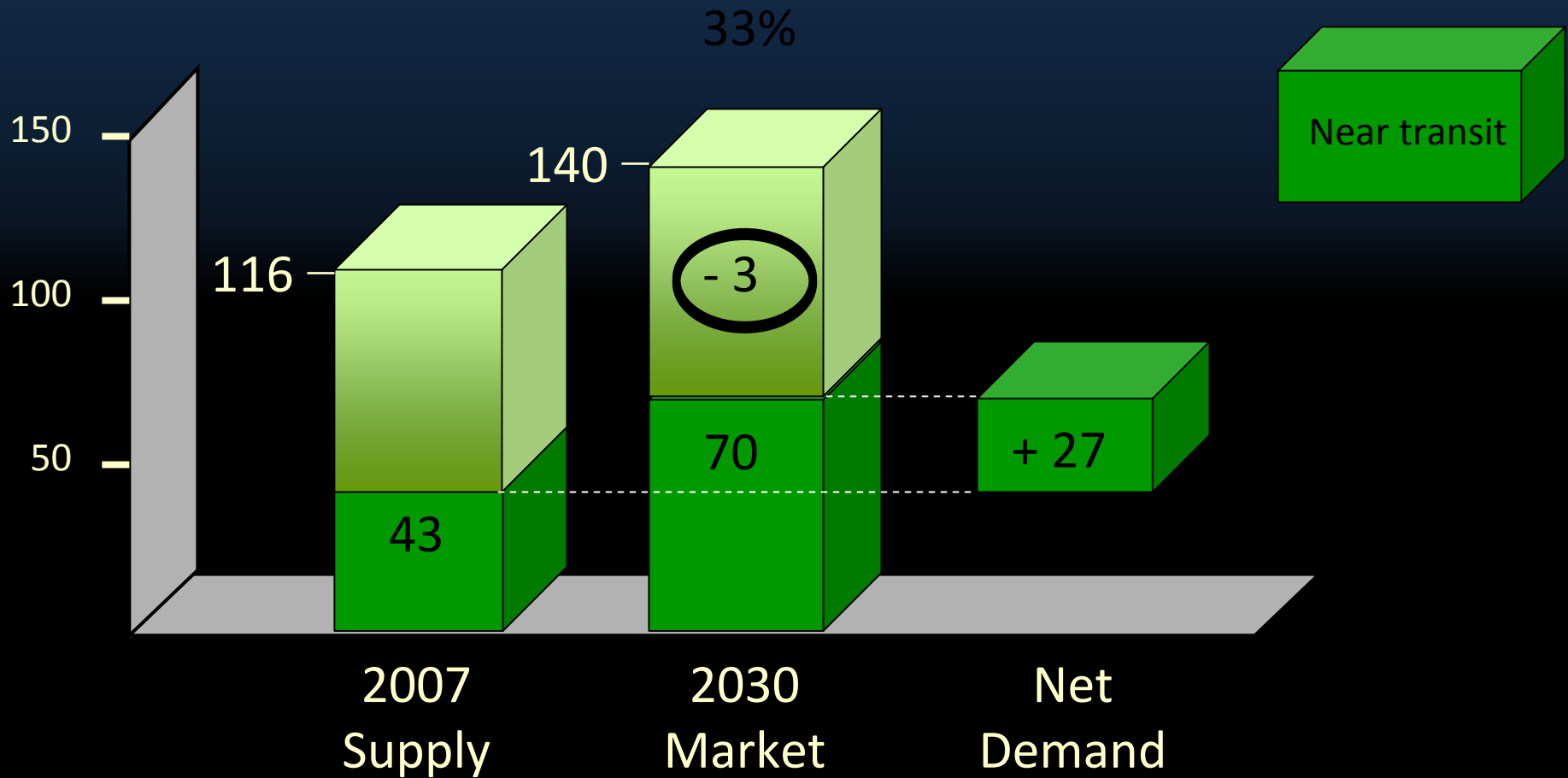


# US Dwelling Units

Millions



# US Households



this is beginning to affect  
developers and housing starts

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## TIPOFF TIME

Matt Bouldin and NCAA madness start the march at 10:30 a.m. » 1C

e» It's still winter... for one more day. Check the latest ski conditions. » [denverpost.com/skireport](http://denverpost.com/skireport)

# Growth goes urban

## Denver trails only Douglas County in metro-area population gains

By Burt Hubbard *The Denver Post*

Forget suburbia. Denver is the new growth hot spot in the metro area.

A U.S. Census Bureau report released today shows Denver grew faster last year than all but one of its surrounding suburban counties.

"That is amazing. It doesn't surprise me (it grew), but I didn't realize it was at such a fast rate," said Denver City Councilman Michael Hancock.

Denver wasn't the only growth superstar in Colorado, according to the report. The Greeley metro area, consisting of Weld County, was the fourth-fastest growing metro area in the nation since 2000.

And five Western Slope counties, led by energy-rich Garfield County, ranked in the top 10 in population gains in Colorado in the 12 months ending in July 2008.

The report showed Denver's population grew

2.7 percent in the 12 months ending July 2008, adding about 16,000 people since July 2007 and falling just short of 600,000.

Only Douglas County, at 3.5 percent, grew faster in the seven-county metro area. It's the first time this decade that Denver has grown faster than most of its suburbs.

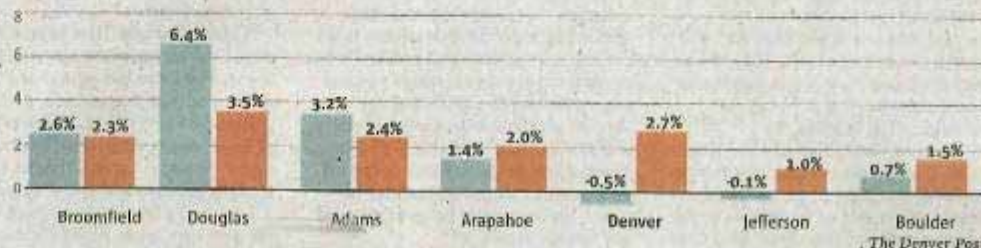
Jeff Romine, chief economist for the Denver Office of Economic Development, said a resurgence

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### Denver's growth

Denver's population last year grew faster than all but one of its neighboring suburban counties, the first time that has happened this decade.

■ Percent change 2001-02  
■ Percent change 2007-08

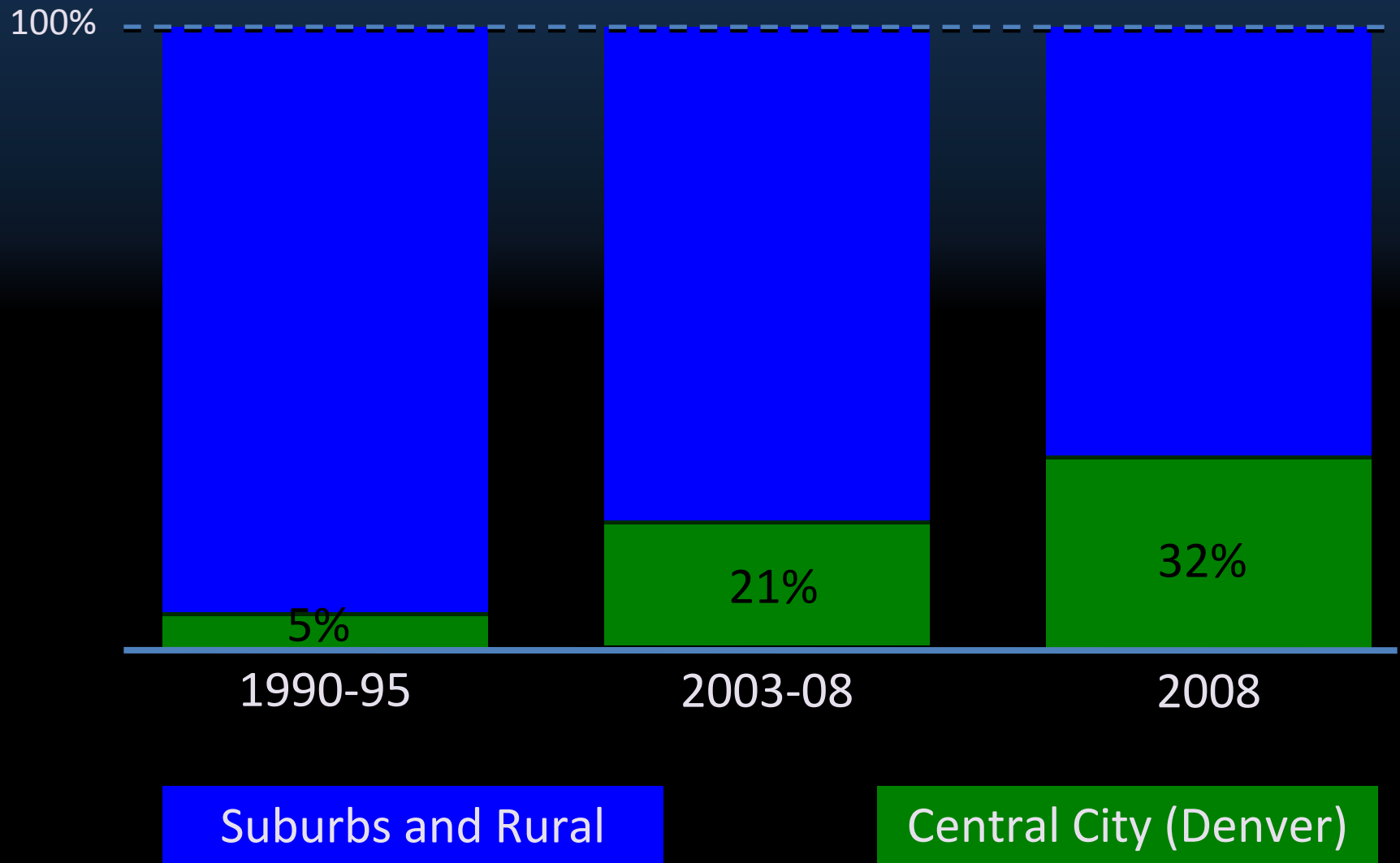


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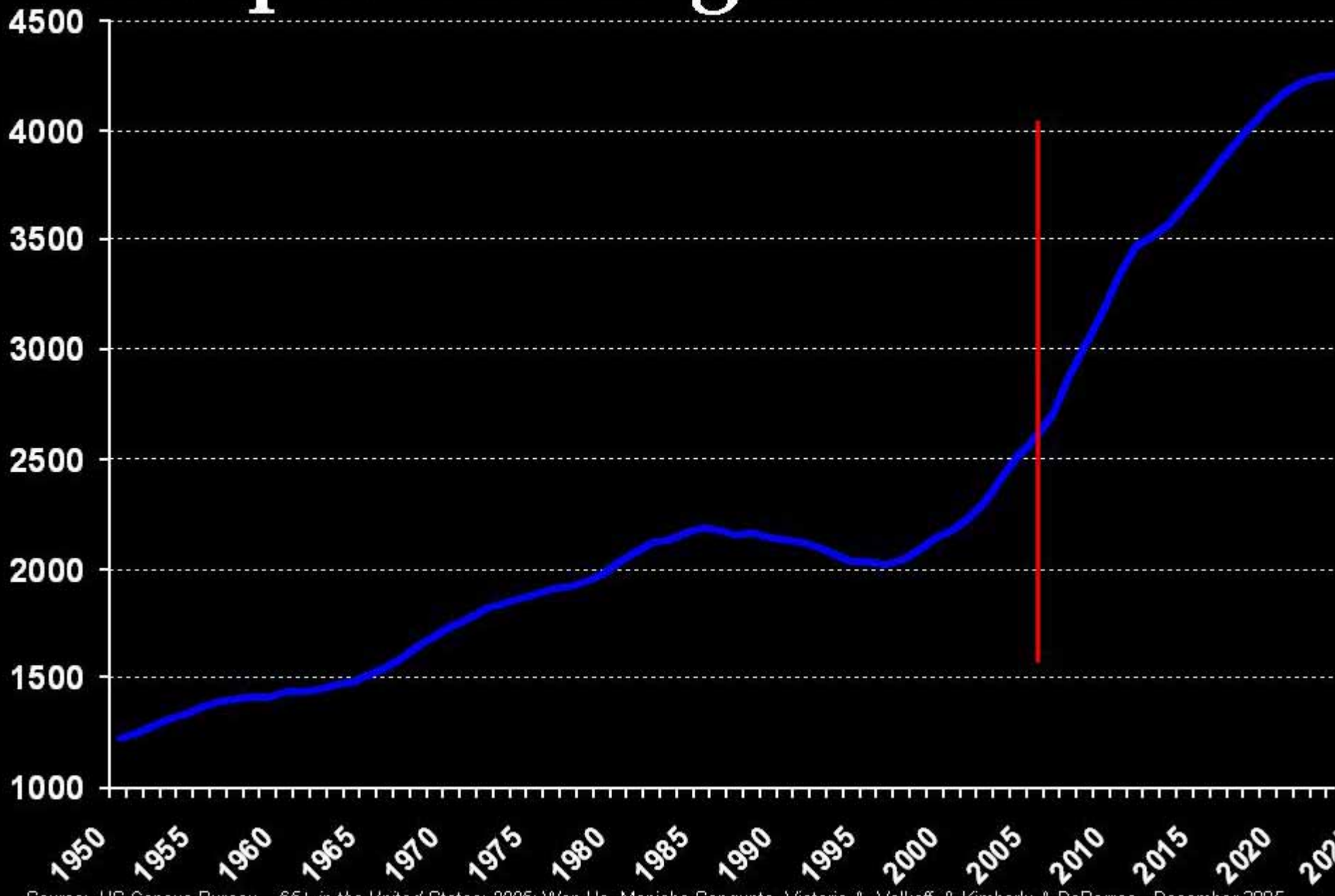
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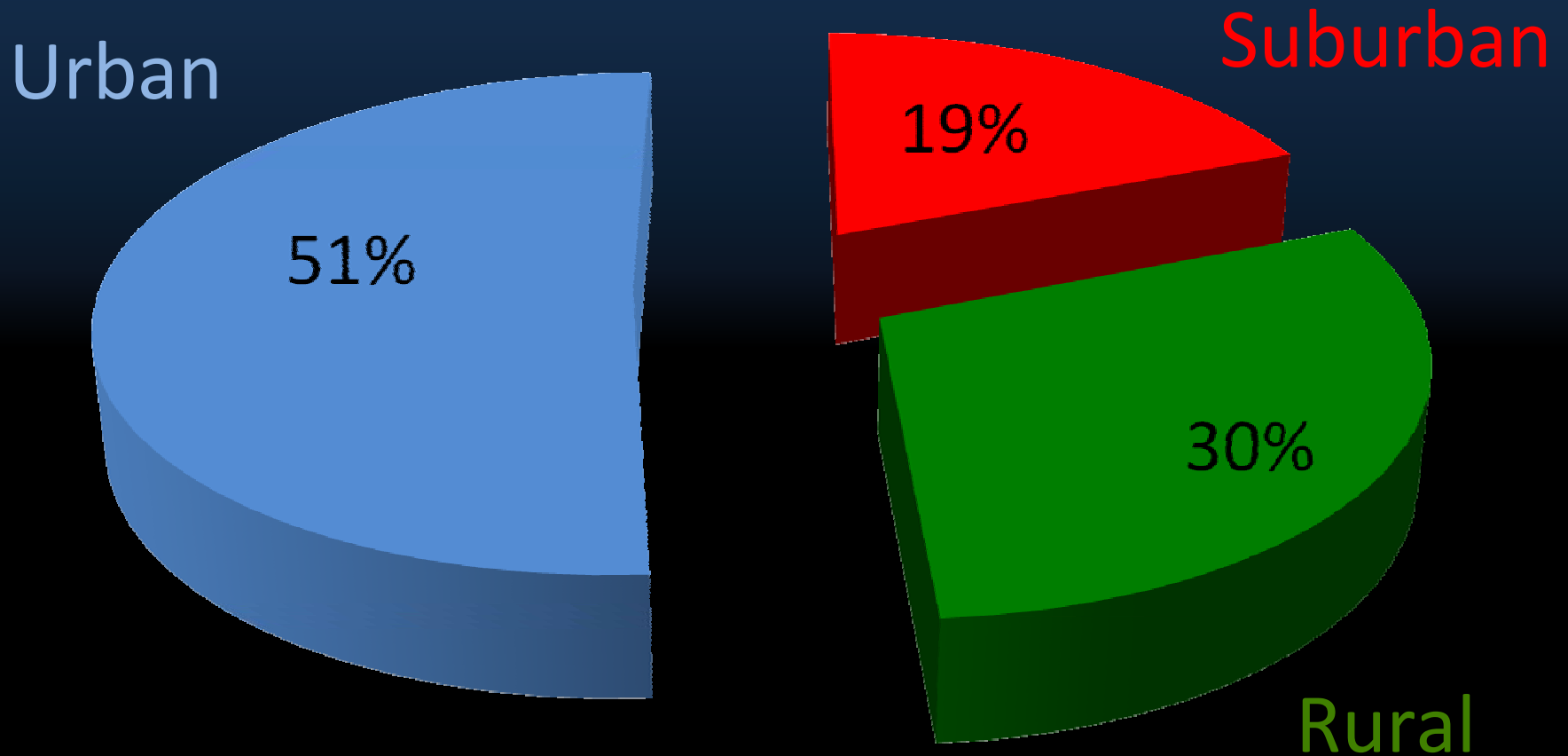
# Share of New Housing Starts by Regional Location – Denver Region



# People Turning 65 *Each* Year



# US Retirement Preferences



# Walking the Walk

How Walkability  
Raises Home Values  
in U.S. Cities

Joe Cortright, Impresa, Inc.,  
for CEOs for Cities  
August 2009

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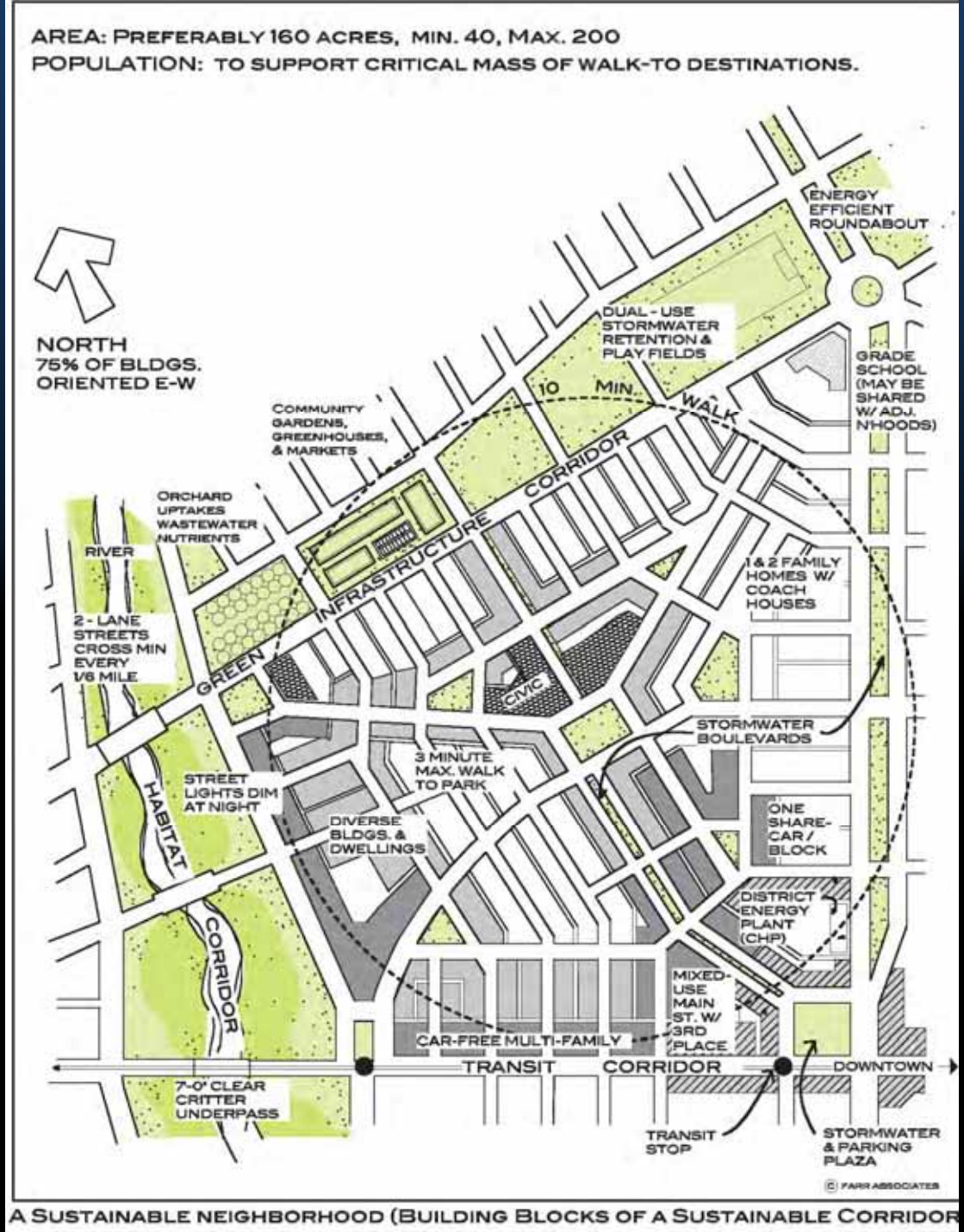
# Walkability and House Value\*

City	Walkability Premium
Austin, TX	+ \$24,871
Dallas, TX	+ \$4,278
Fresno, CA	+ \$7,427
Phoenix, AZ	+ \$18,689
Sacramento, CA	+ \$34,345
San Francisco, CA	+ \$32,837
Seattle, WA	+ \$19,789
Tucson, AZ	+ \$10,841

\* difference in house value: citywide median WalkScore compared to 75 percentile and above

# the complete neighborhood

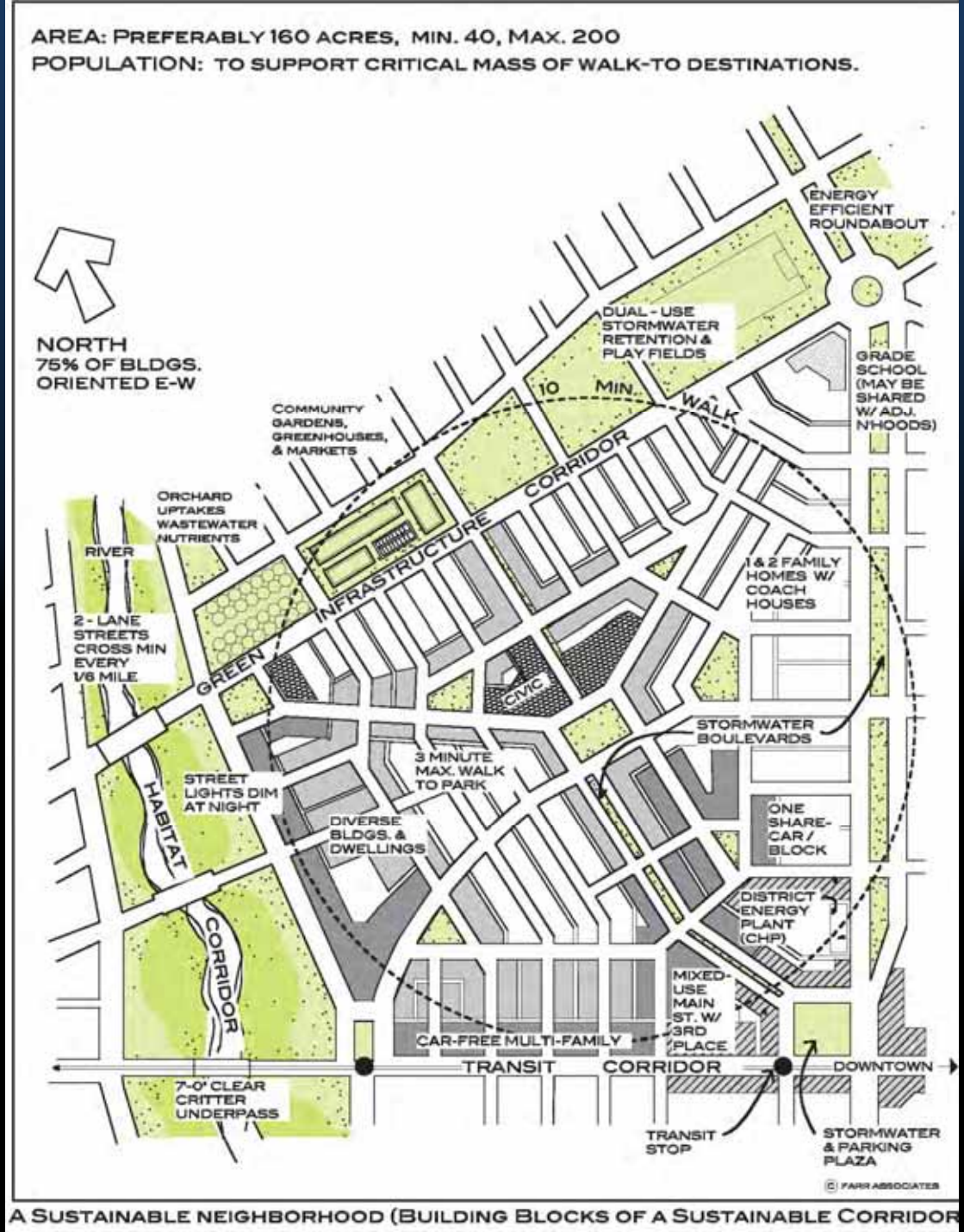
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- diverse housing





# the complete neighborhood

- walkable
- mixed-use
- transit-served
- urbanism







Victor's Coffee Co

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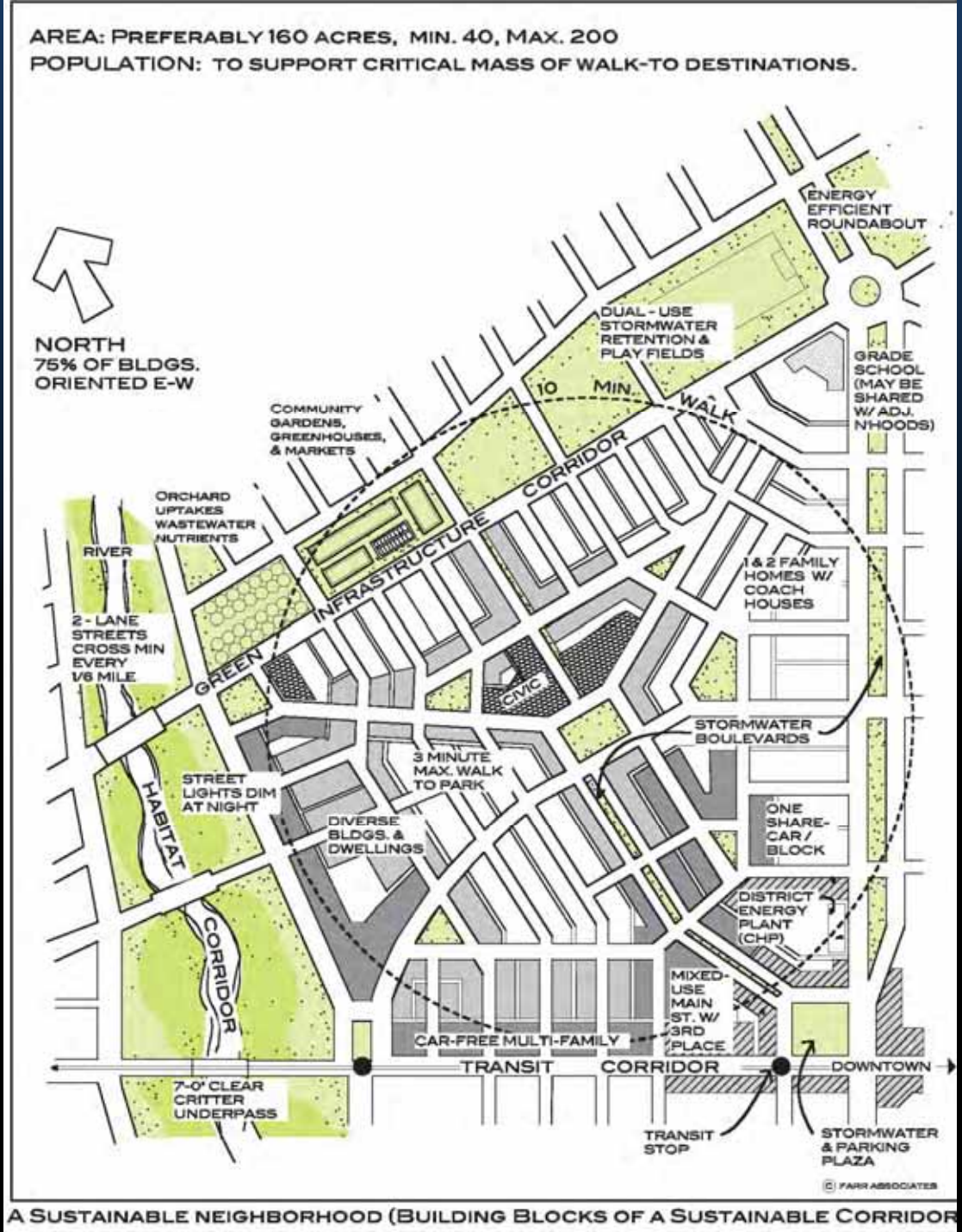






# the complete neighborhood

- stable
- increasing value
- less VMT/capita
- in demand
  - ✓ boomers
  - ✓ millennials



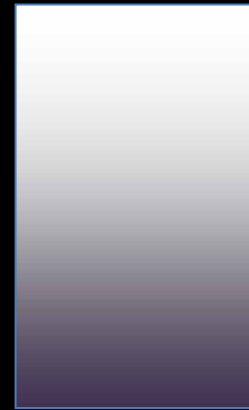
# Walkable, mixed-use urbanism will be the primary market for new housing

Walkable, mixed-use urbanism – housing stock available in 2010



5%

Walkable, mixed-use urbanism – housing demand to 2040



33%

76 million elders

78 million millennials

two largest generations, same housing market:  
*mixed-use, transit-served, walkable neighborhoods*

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“Livability” =

Affordable + Healthy + Opportunities + Identity

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“Mobility”

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“Mobility” =

Travel + Circulation + Access

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# Elements

**TRAVEL**

Moving over distances

**CIRCULATION**

Moving within areas

**ACCESS**

Getting in the door



# Facilities

## TRAVEL

Freeways, arterials, rail transit, express bus lanes

## CIRCULATION

Collectors, connectors, transit routes, bike trails and lanes

## ACCESS

Local streets, parking, sidewalks and crosswalks

Built for...



Seattle



Redmond

...travel

Built for...



Denver



Boulder

...travel



Built for...



Flagstaff

...circulation

Redmond



Portland

Built for...



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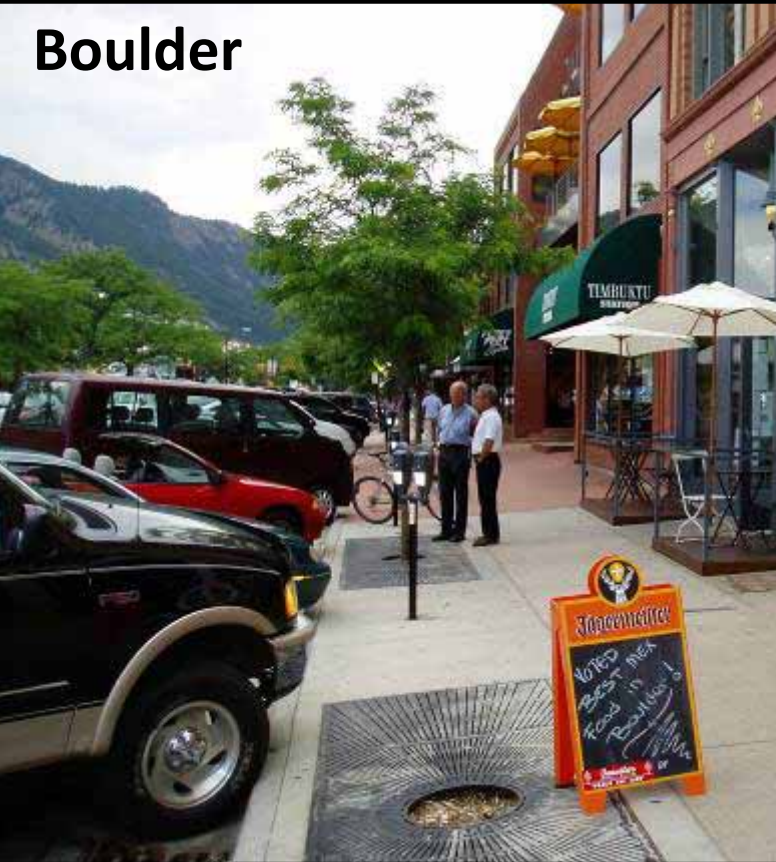


...circulation



Built for...

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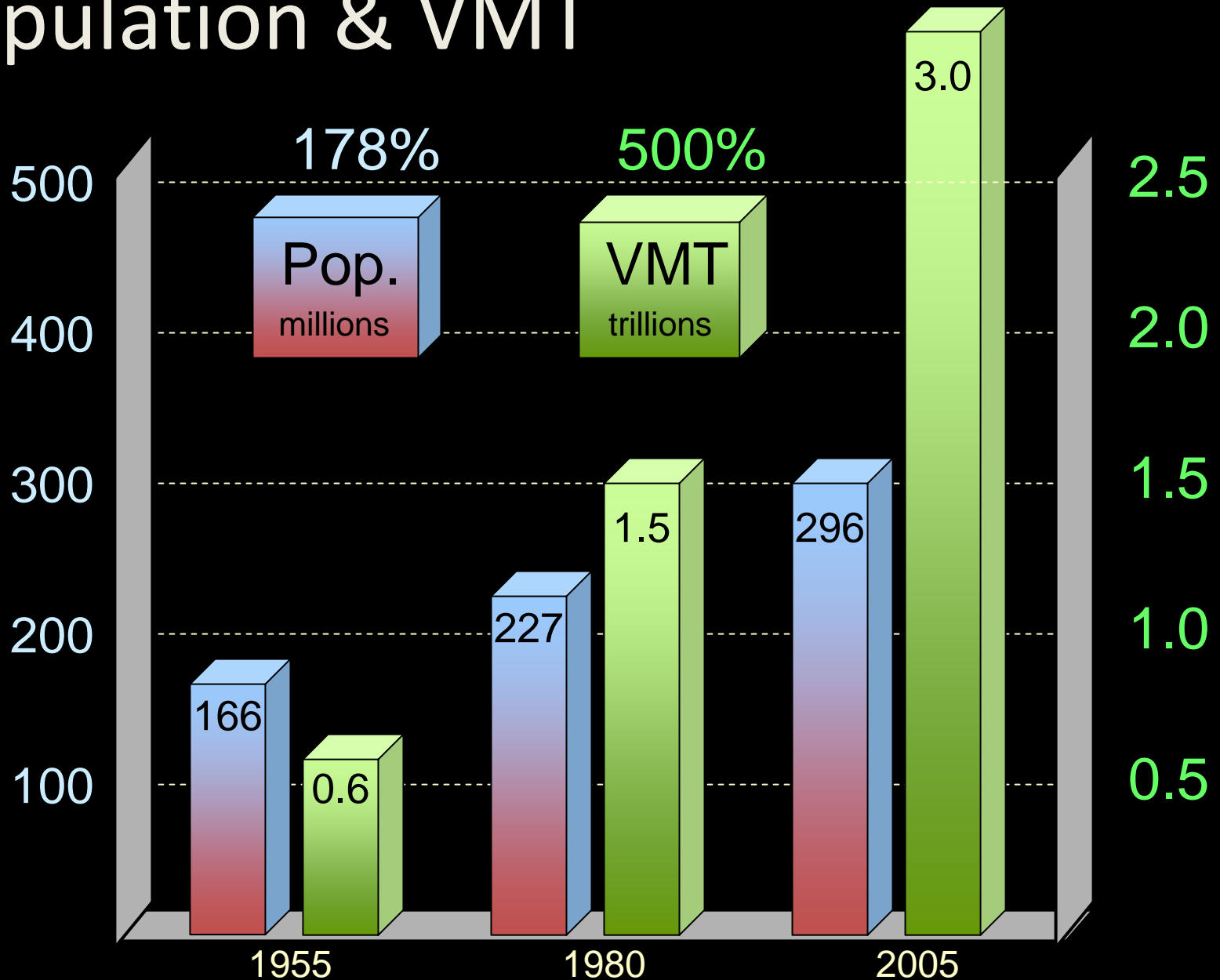
Winter Park, Fl

...access



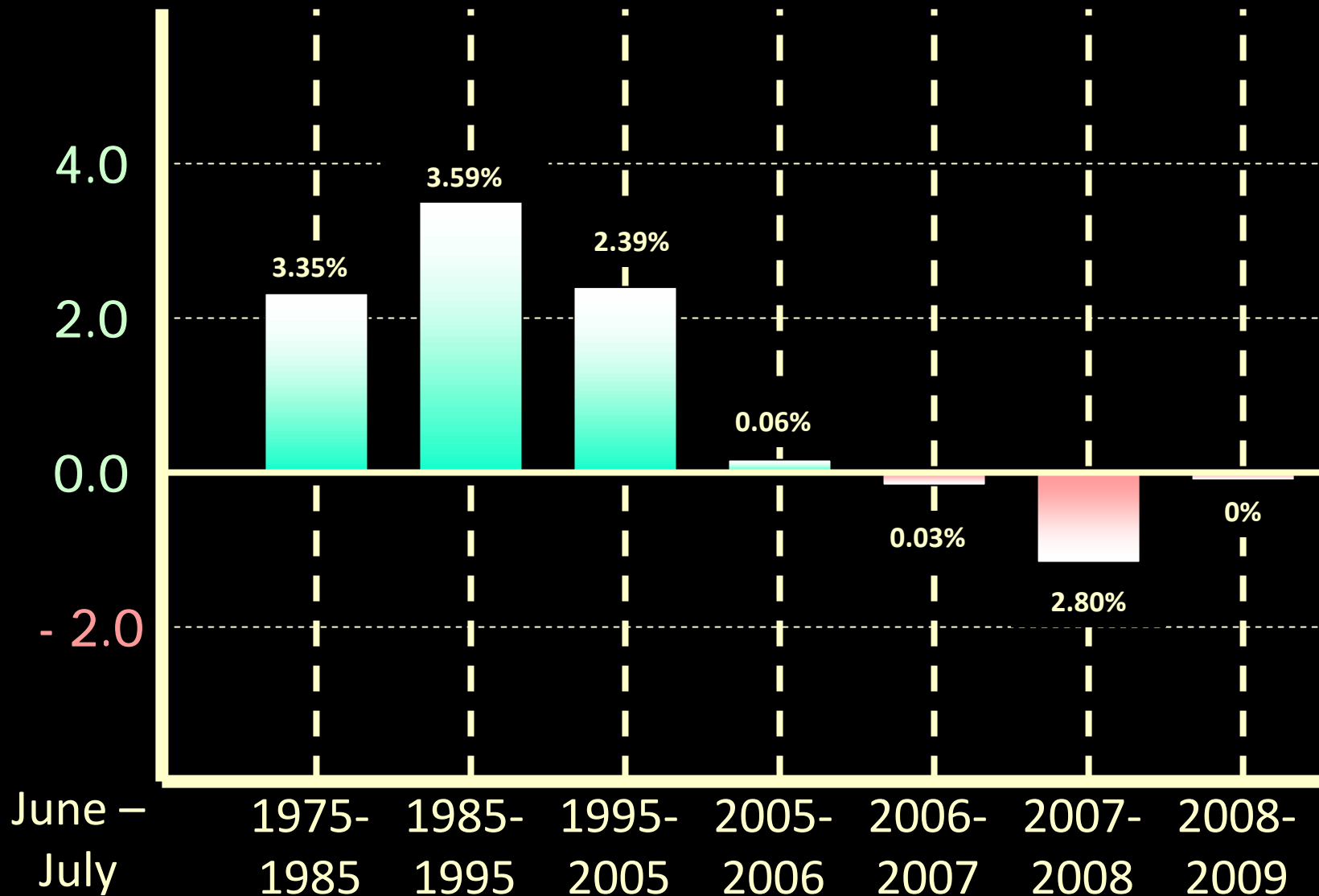
United States

# Population & VMT



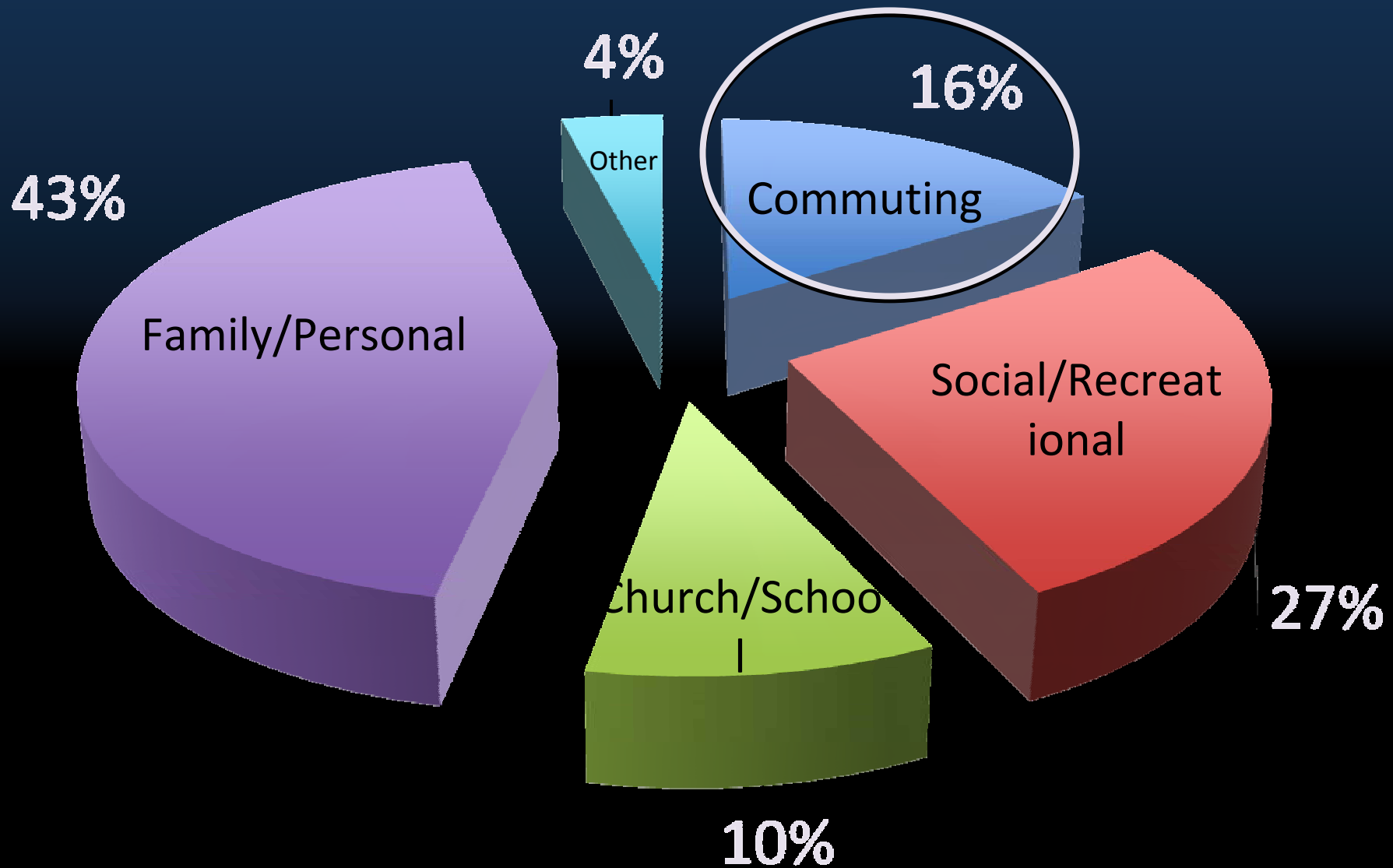
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## Annual Rate of Change in VMT

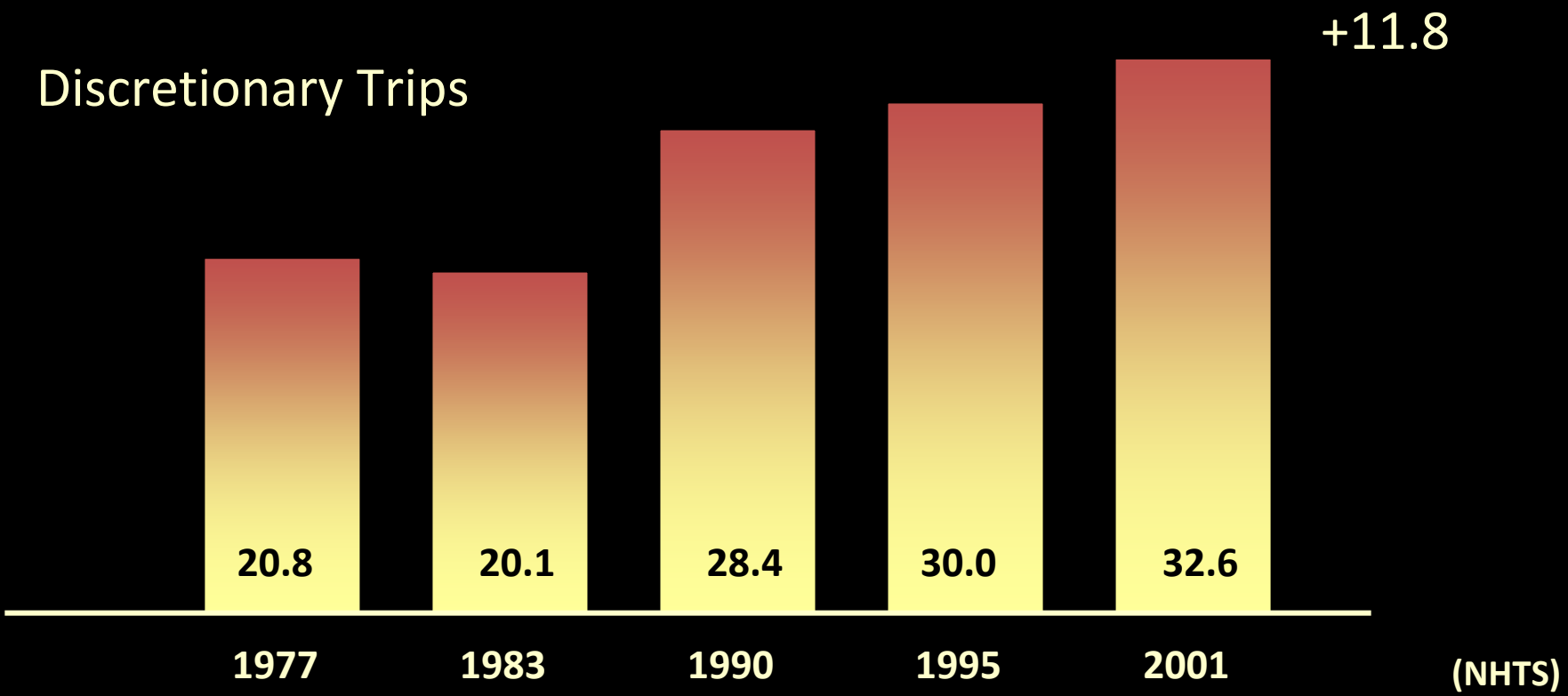
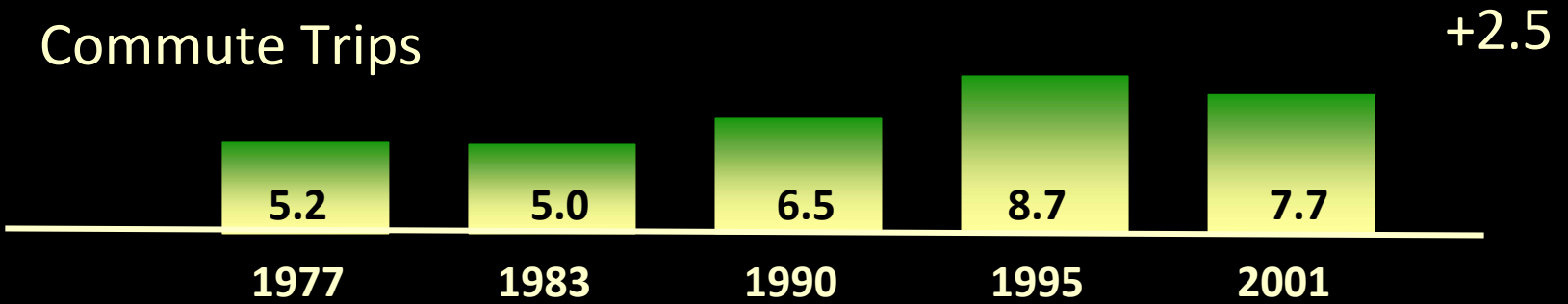




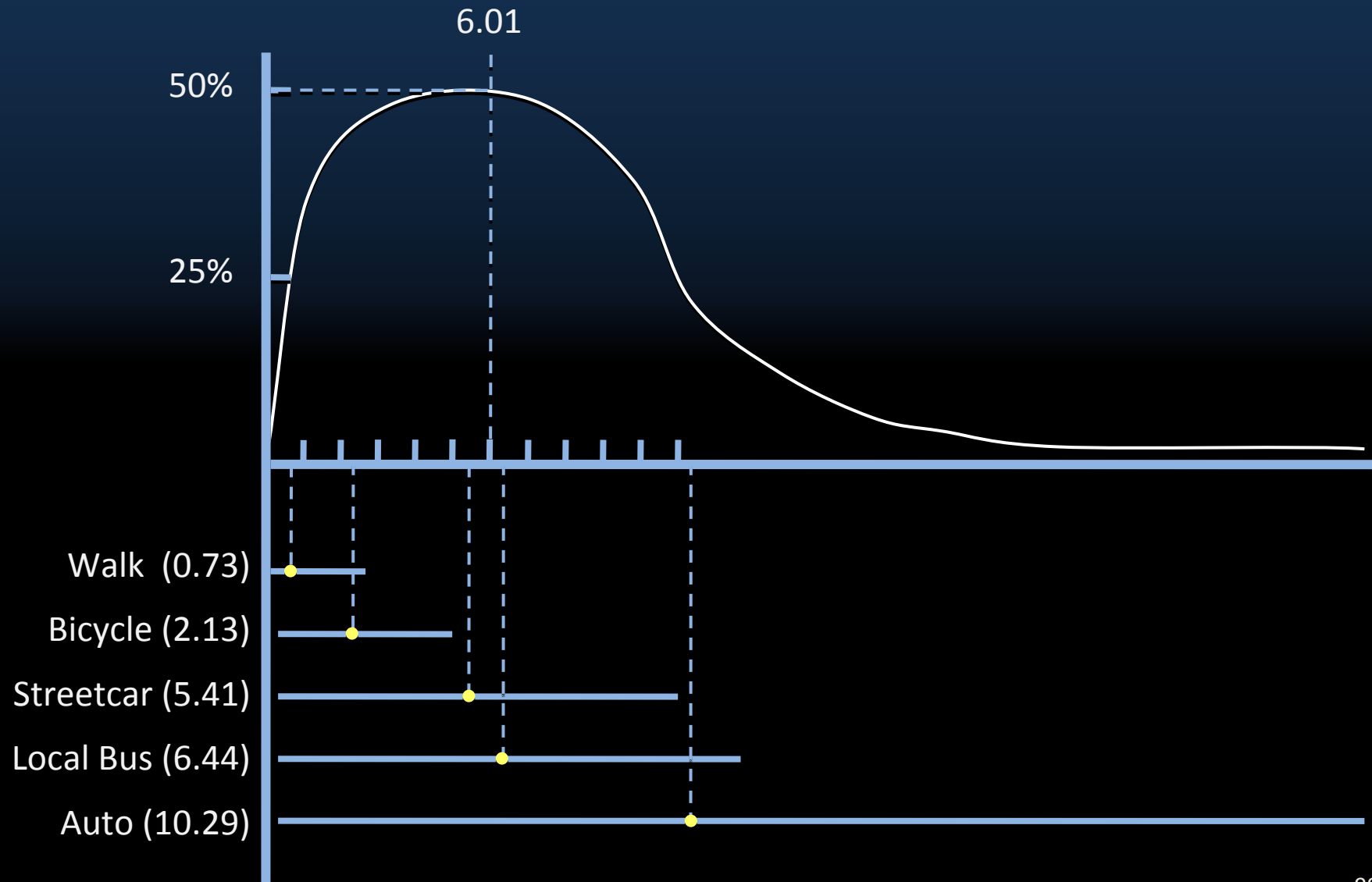
# Daily Per Capita Travel



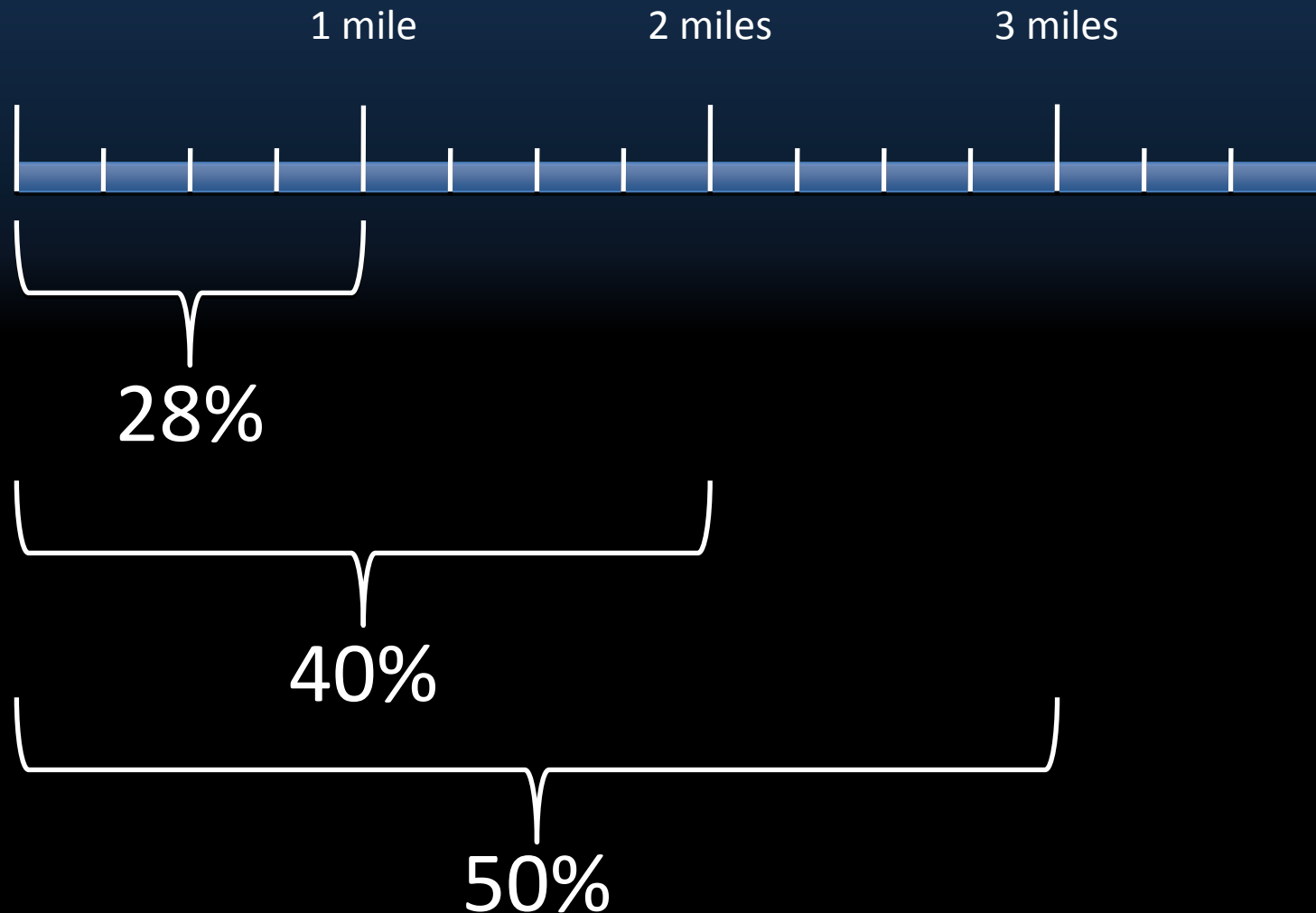
# Daily Miles of Travel Per Capita



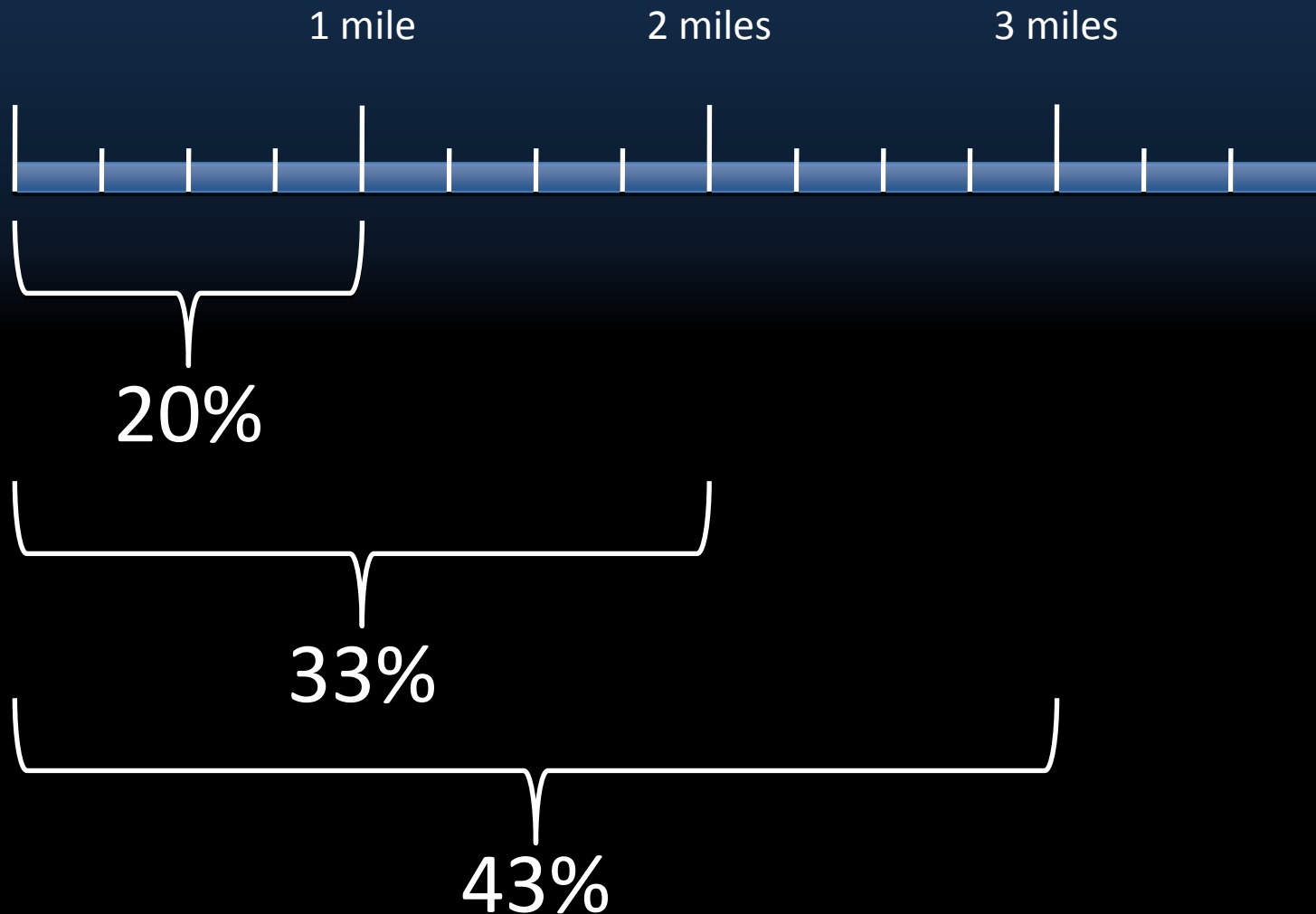
# Average Trip Lengths



# Trip Length – All Trips



# Trip Length – Driving Trips



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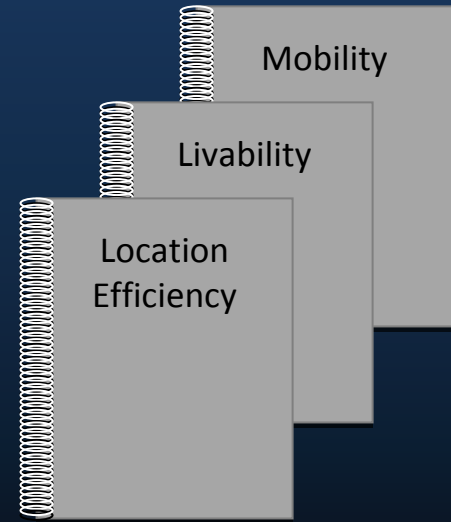
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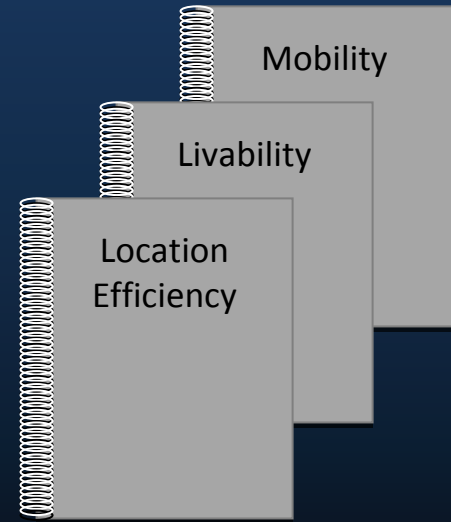
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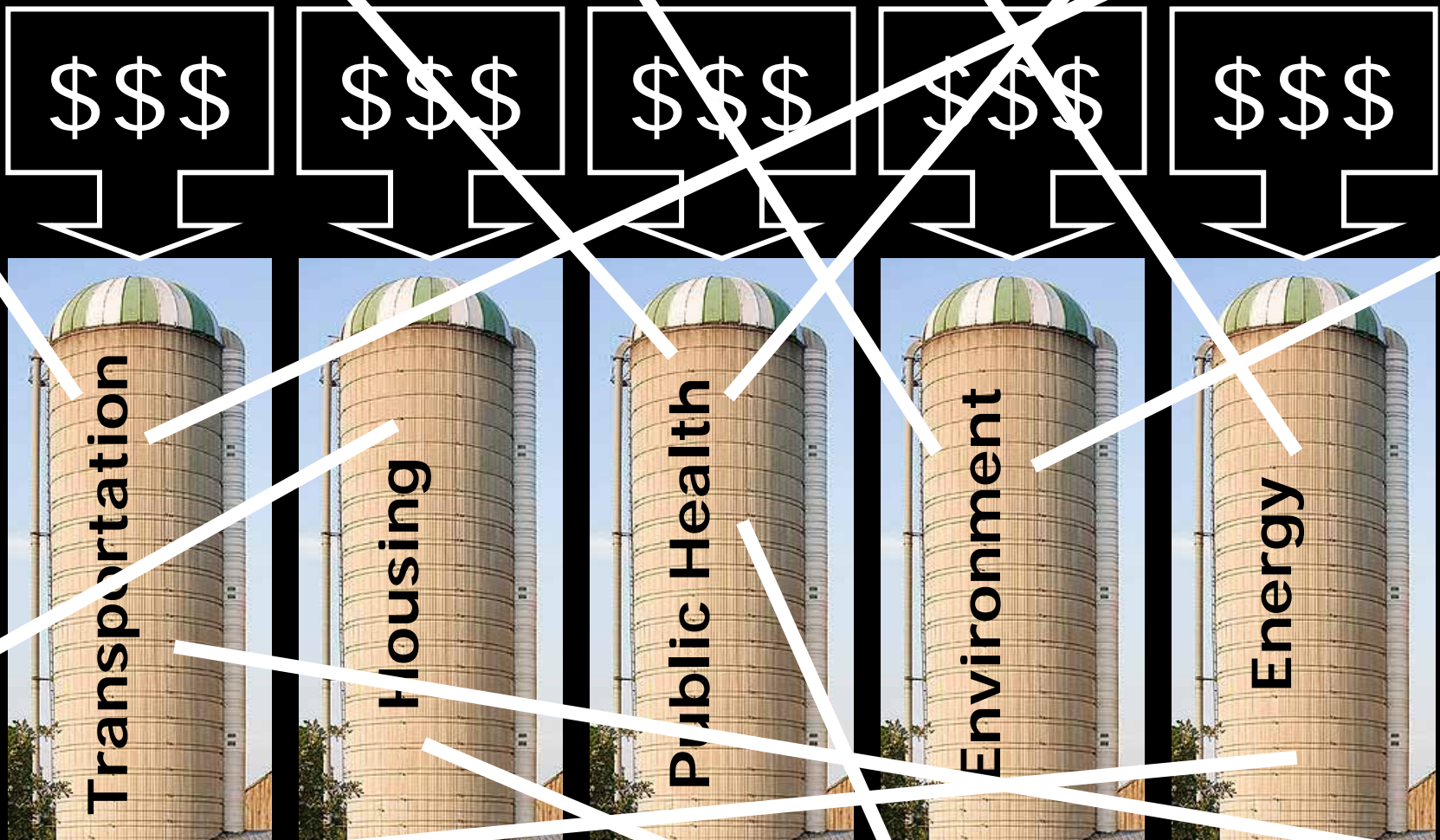
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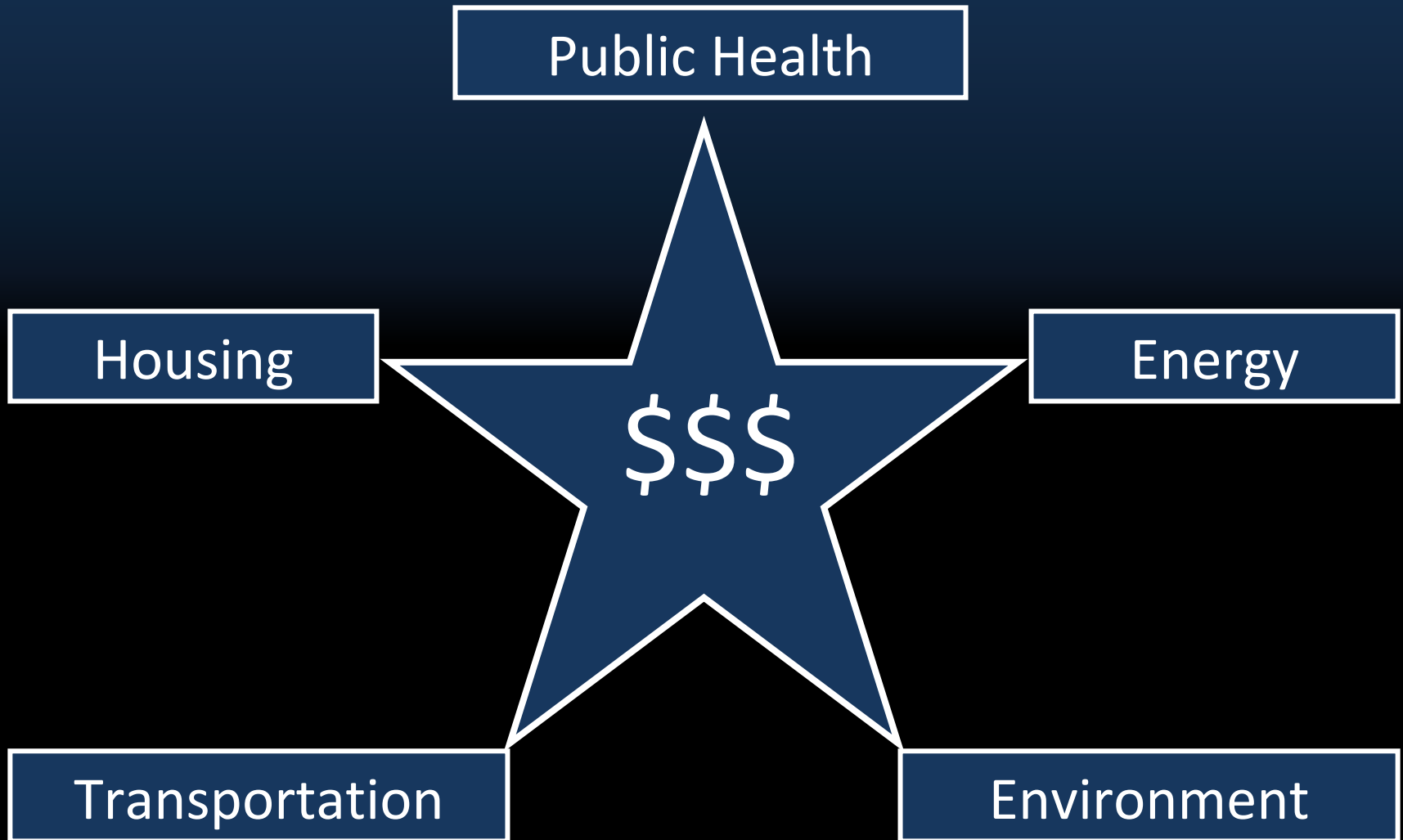
# Emerging Federal Policy



# Single Purpose Spending



# Integrated, Strategic Investment



# Interagency Partnership for Livable Communities

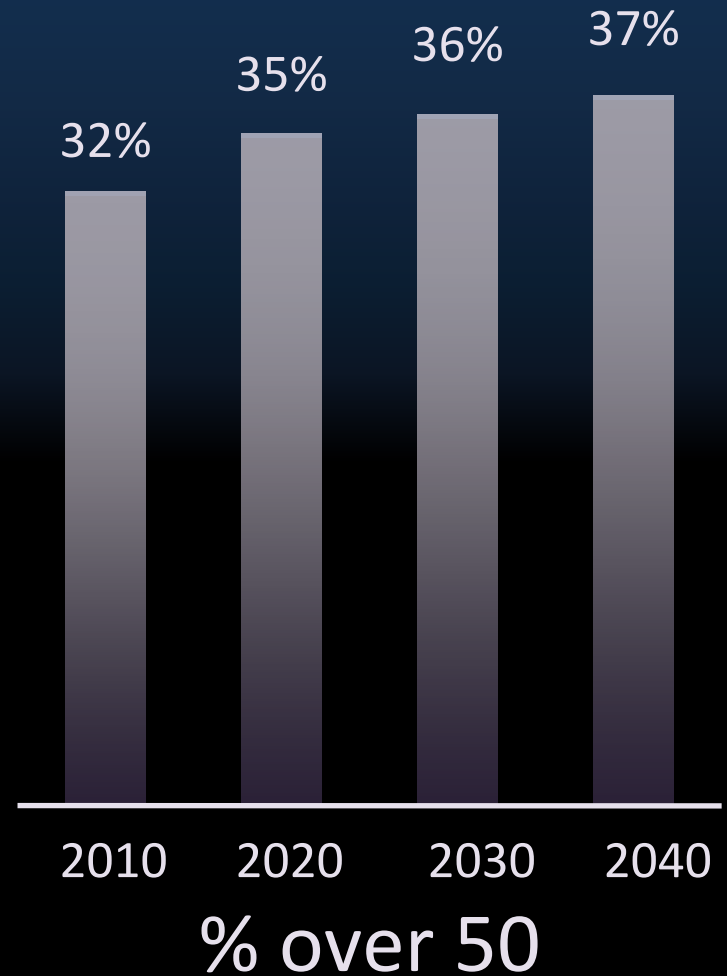
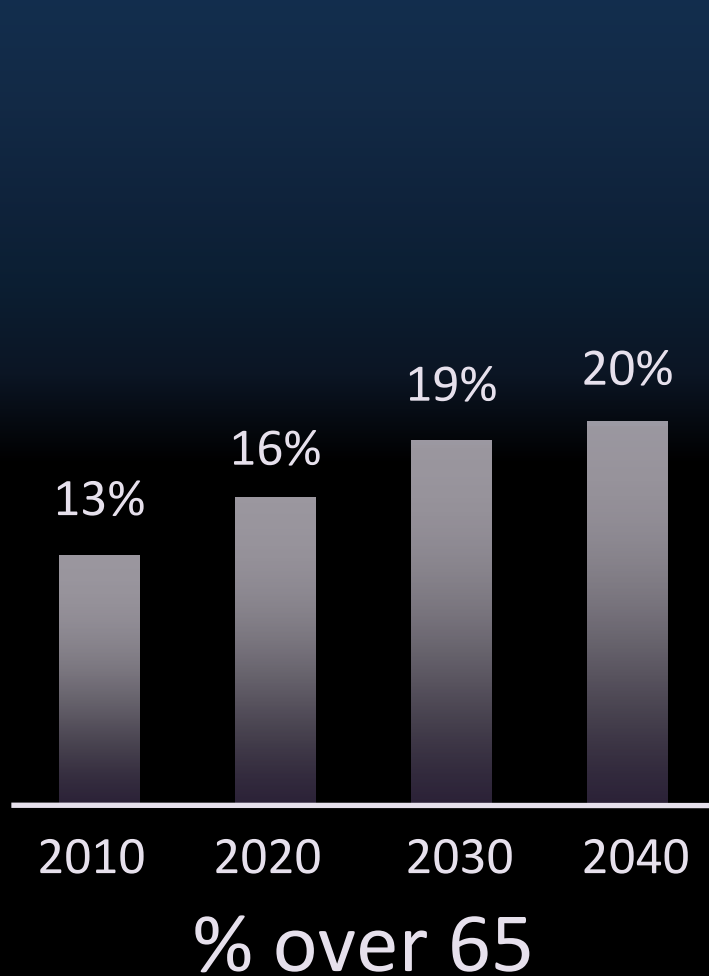


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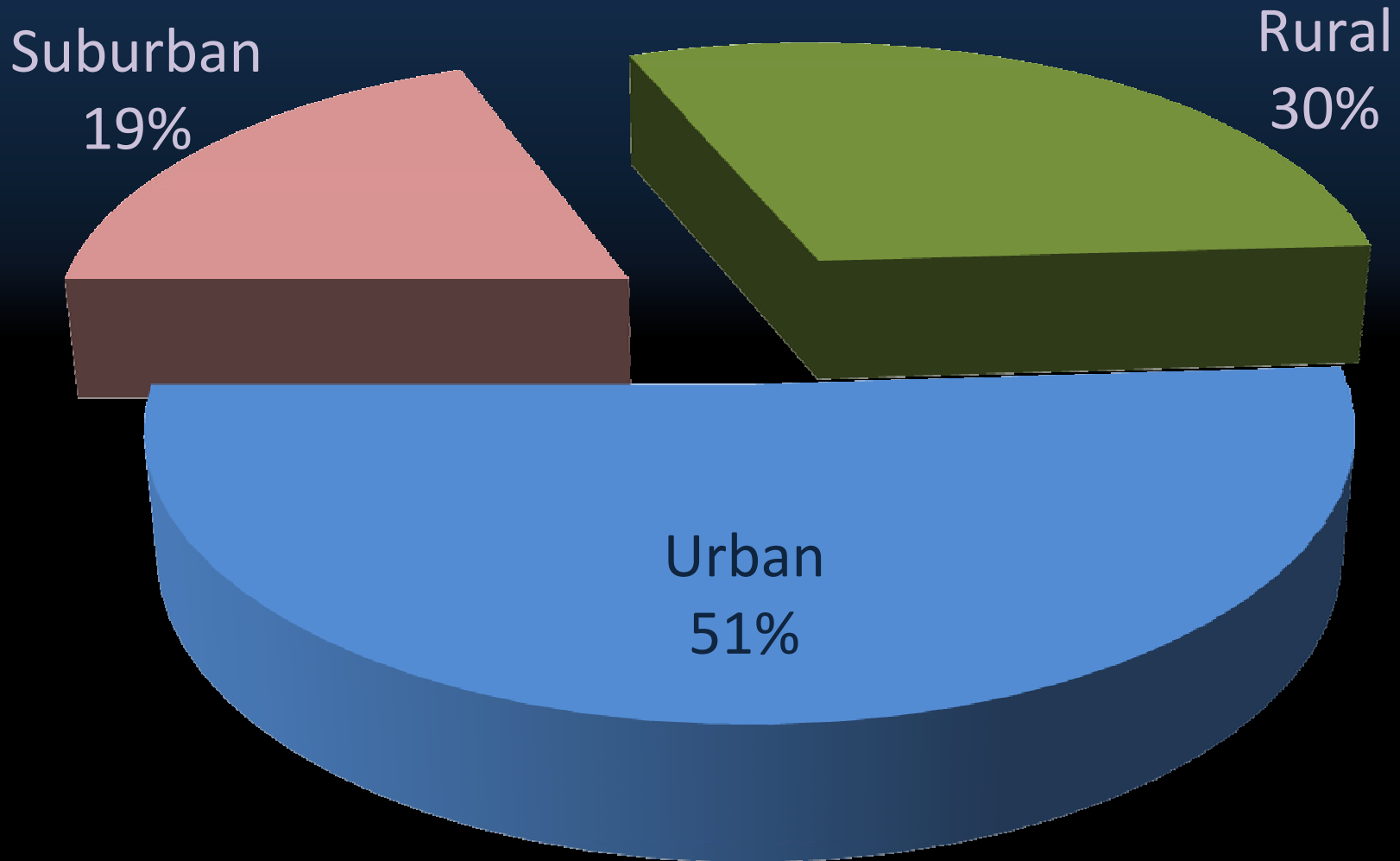


## Learning from Senior Mobility

# aging of the US population



# Retirement Preferences



Source: National Association of Realtors and Smart Growth America American Preference Survey 2004

4 essentials: elder mobility

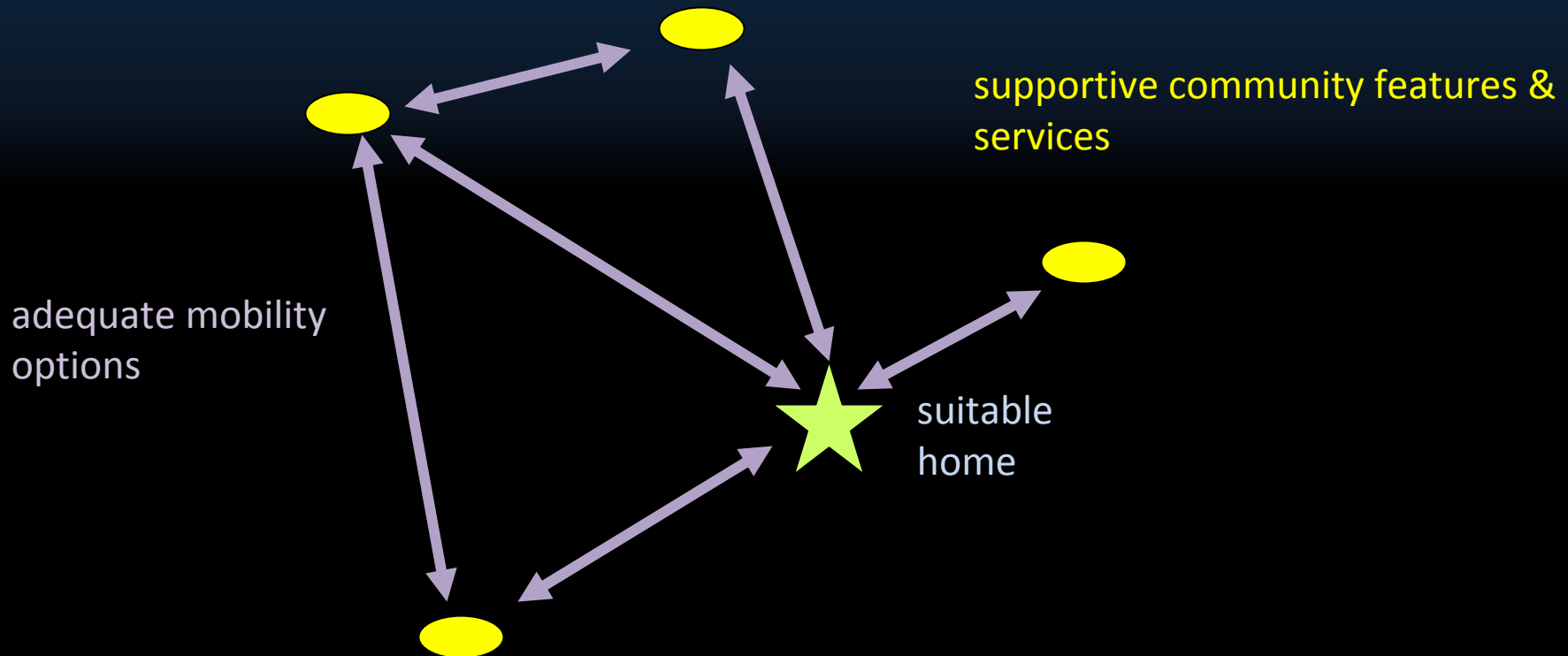
# AARP: a livable community has...

- affordable & appropriate housing
- supportive community features & services
- adequate mobility options

...which together facilitate personal independence and the engagement of residents in civic and social life.



# AARP livable communities model







# 4 essentials: elder mobility

- land use mix
- pedestrian supportive environment
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land use mix

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# supportive community features & services

1. active living
2. third places
3. convenience retail
4. provisions & services
5. family
6. shopping
7. medical
8. cultural

# 1. active living

- pedestrian-oriented environments
- trails, parks and open space
- gyms and exercise facilities



## 2. third places

- coffee shops, cafes
- bookstores, libraries
- churches
- bars
- plazas, parks
- senior centers

# 3. convenience retail

- corner market
- convenience store

## 4. provisions & services

- grocery
- bank
- cleaners

## 5. family

- grandchildren
- other family

## 6. shopping

- hardware
- clothing
- book store
- optical
- electronics

## 7. medical

- clinics, doctors
- hospitals
- pharmacy
- physical therapy
- opticians
- other specialists

## 8. cultural

- theater
- movie Theater
- museums
- symphony
- art gallery
- restaurants

# destinations

	daily	weekly	monthly
1. active living	X		
2. third places	X		
3. convenience	X		
4. provisions		X	
5. family		X	
6. shopping		X	
7. medical			X
8. cultural			X



# destinations

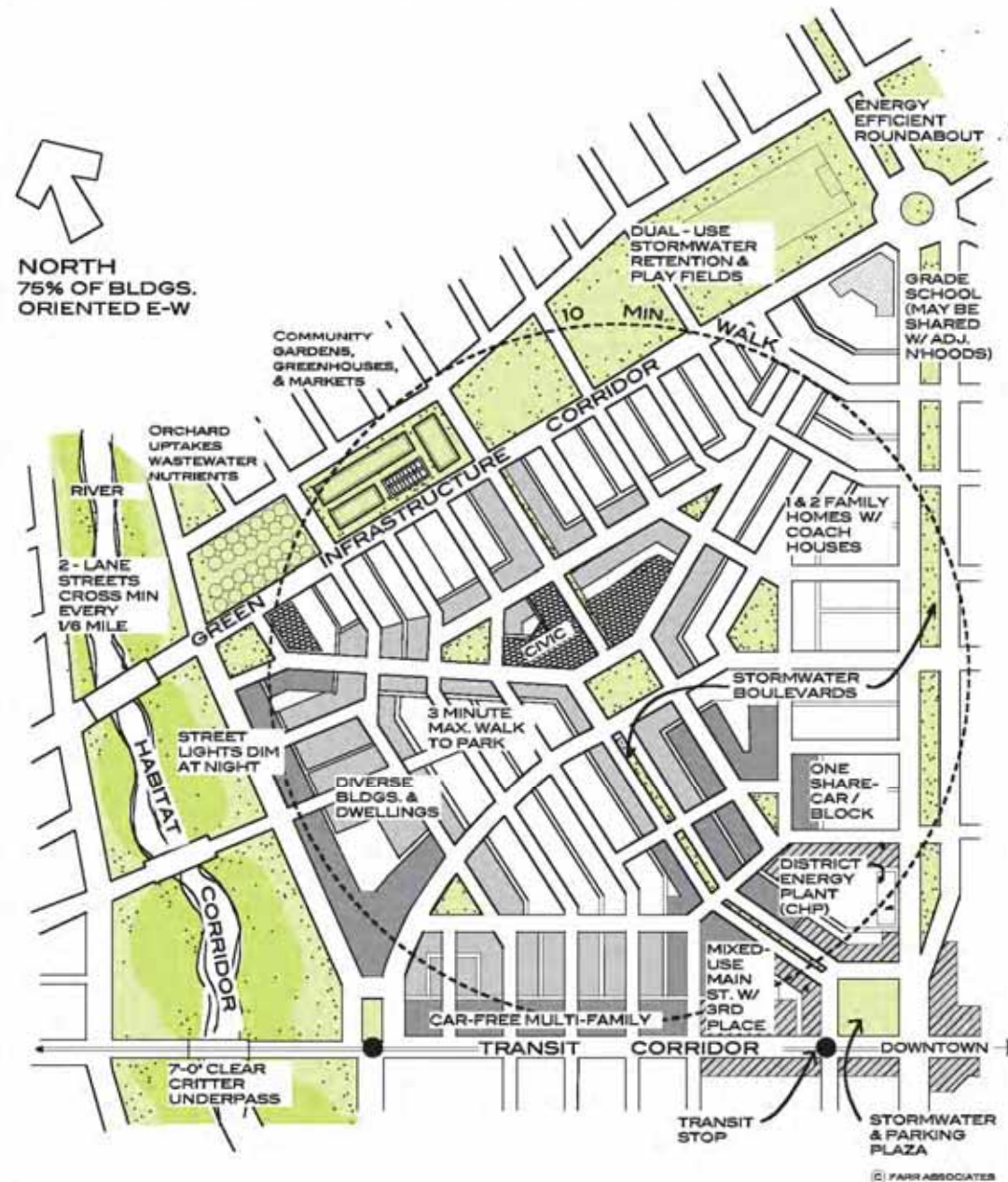
	daily	weekly	monthly
1. active living	X	should be within walking distance	
2. third places	X		
3. convenience	X		
4. provisions		X	
5. family		X	
6. shopping		X	
7. medical			X
8. cultural			X

# destinations

	daily	weekly	monthly	
1. active living	X			
2. third places	X			
3. convenience	X			
4. provisions		X	accessible by walking and fixed route transit	
5. family		X		
6. shopping		X		
7. medical			X	
8. cultural			X	

# neighborhood completeness

AREA: PREFERABLY 160 ACRES, MIN. 40, MAX. 200  
POPULATION: TO SUPPORT CRITICAL MASS OF WALK-TO DESTINATIONS.



A SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOOD (BUILDING BLOCKS OF A SUSTAINABLE CORRIDOR)

# 4 essentials: elder mobility

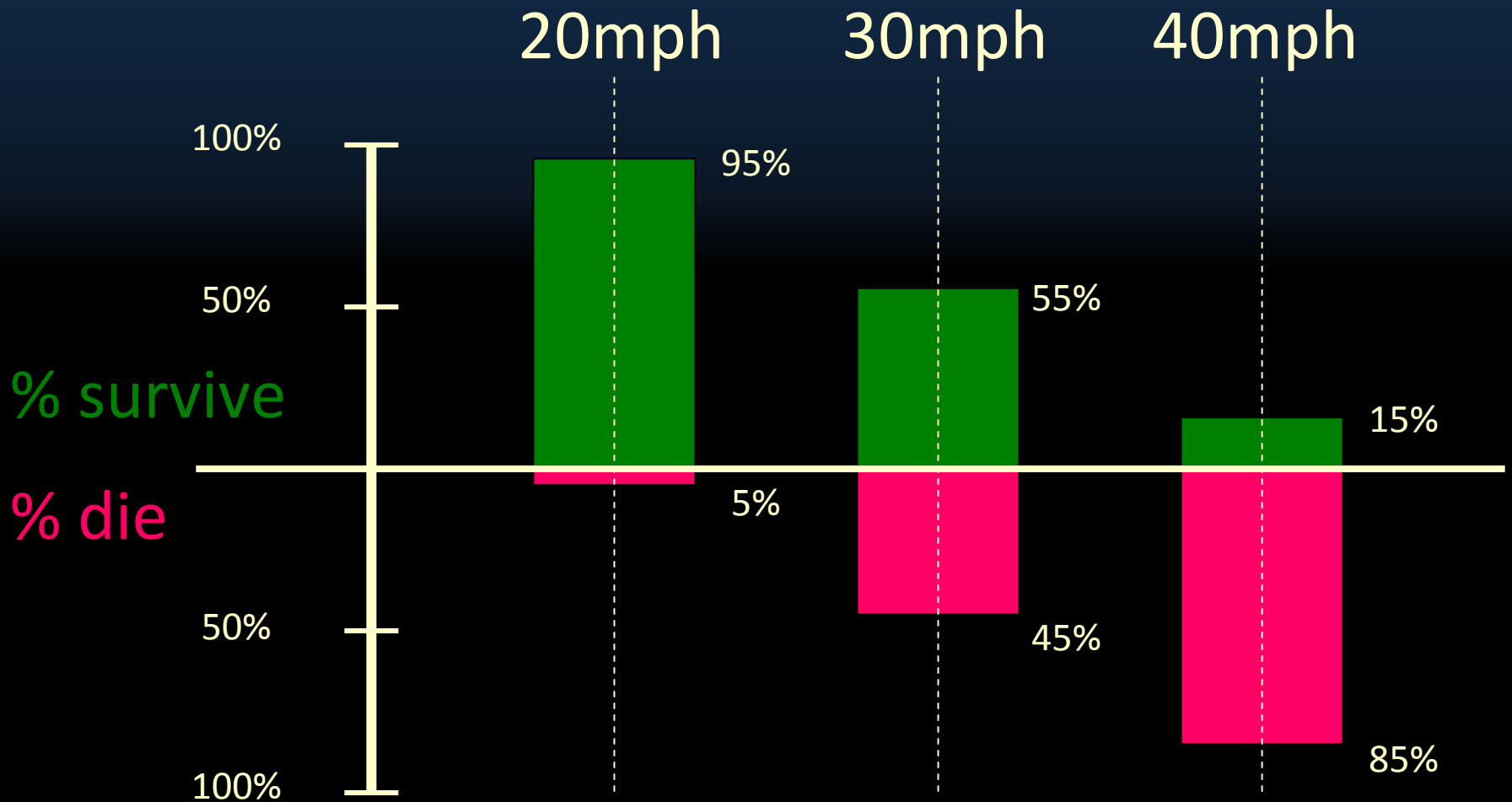
- land use mix
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note: ADA & universal design

# elderly walking environment factors

- safety & security
- street crossings
- universal access
- street design – scale, speed
- pedestrian realm – scale, layout
- urban design – street walls, building scale
- land use mix
- trees, canopies, awnings

# pedestrian survival rates & vehicle speed



ROADWAY  
CORRIDOR

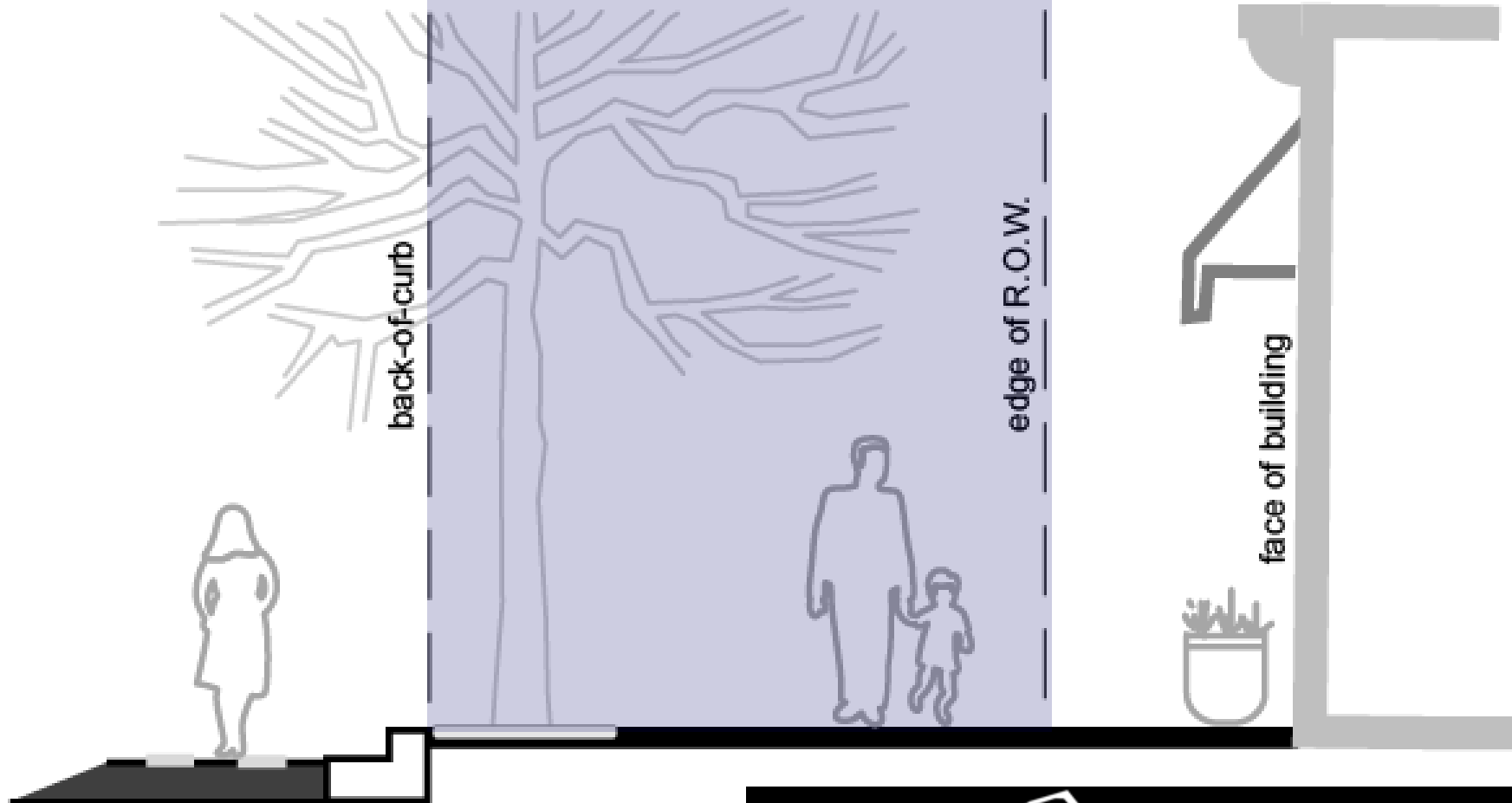
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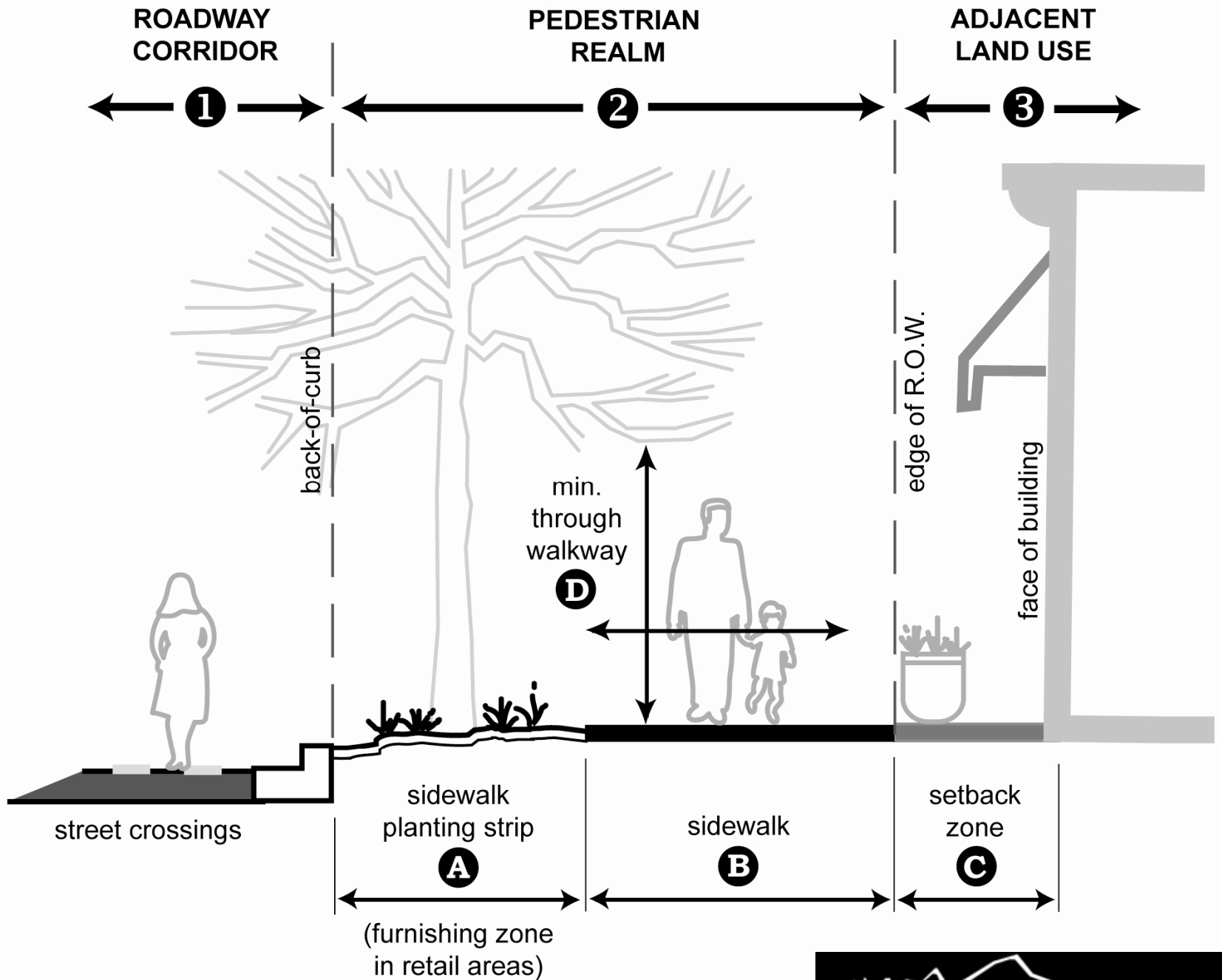
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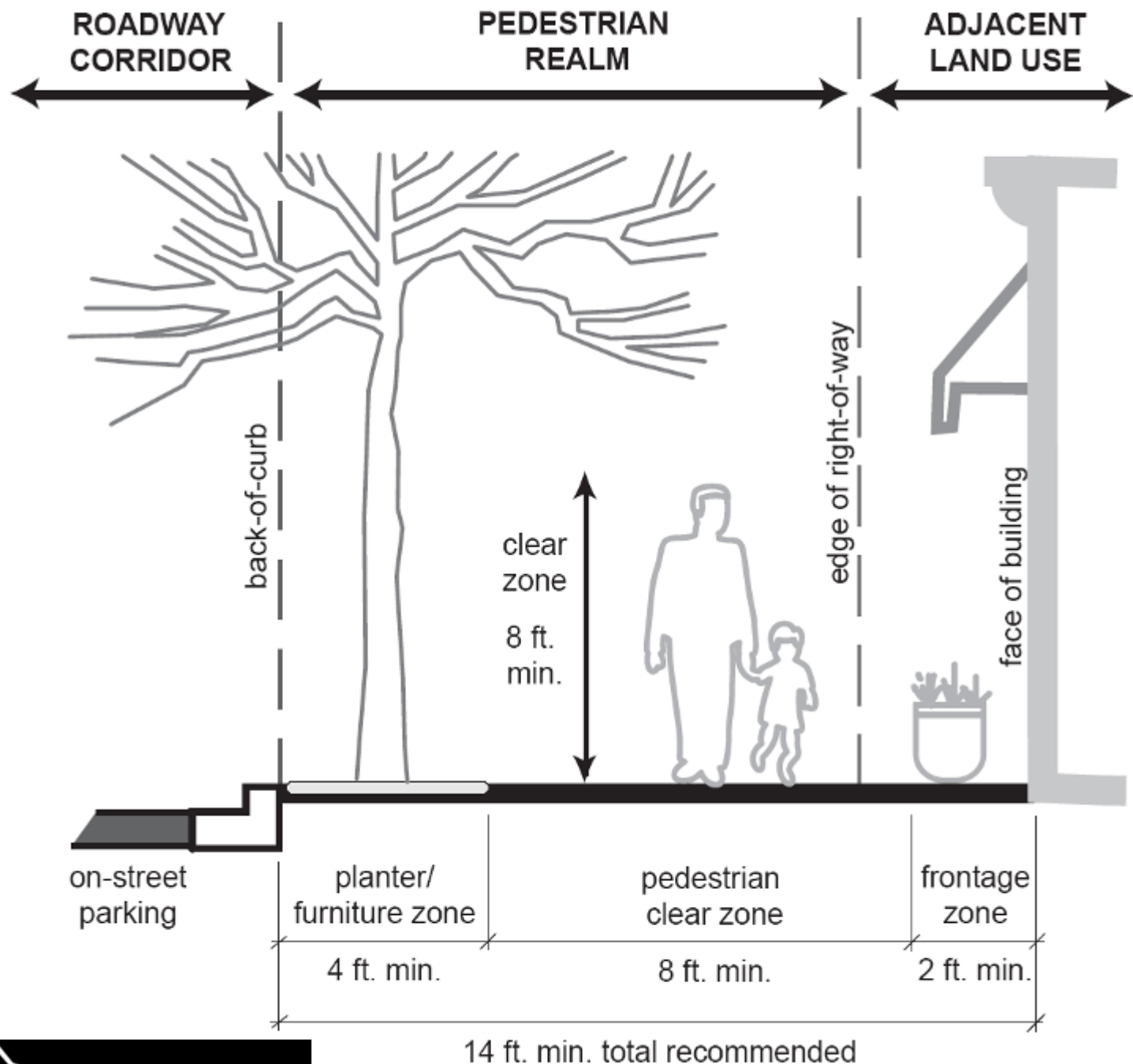
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LAND USE

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# Windsor, CO – Old Town





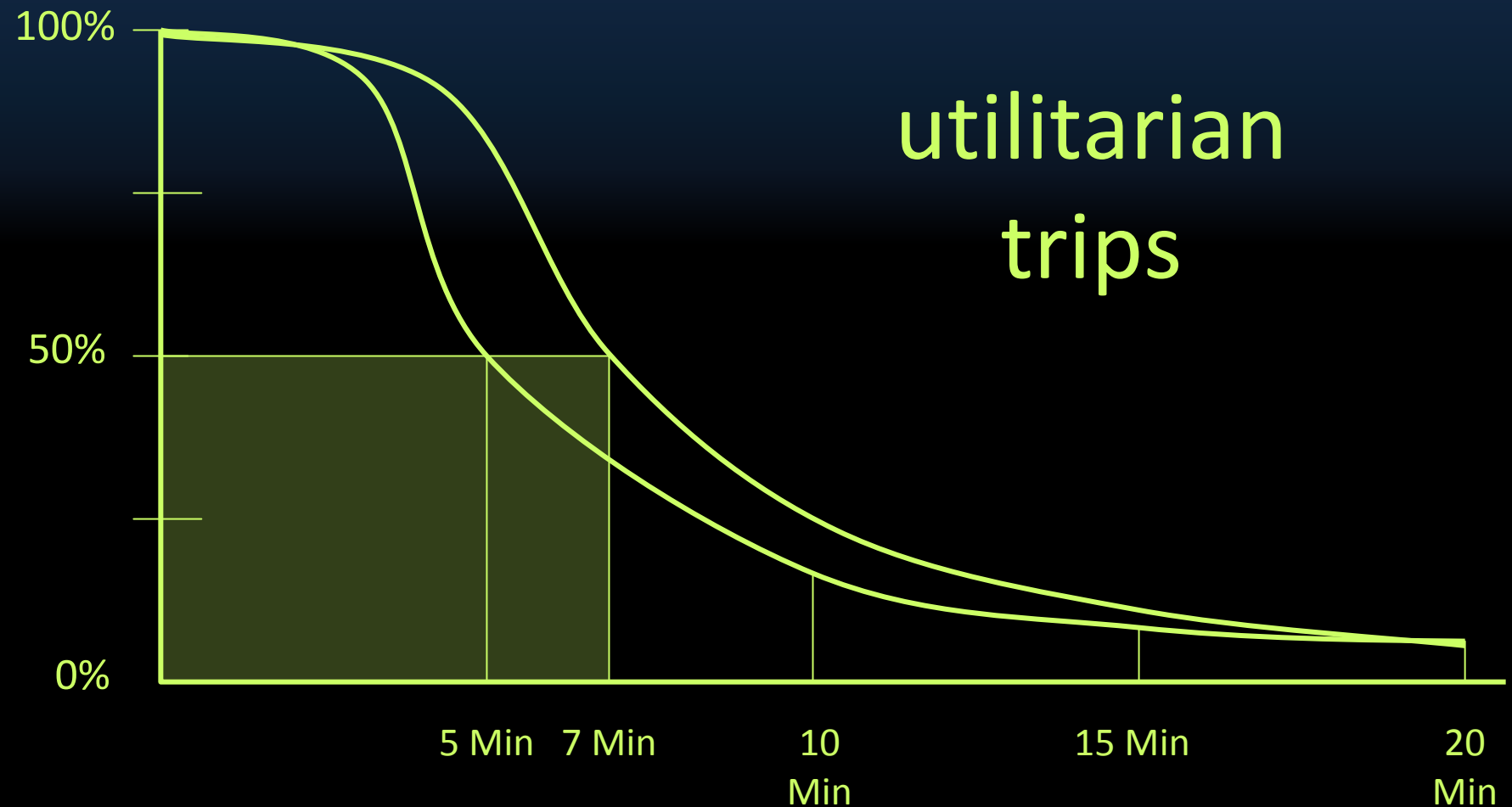
# Windsor, CO – after 1990



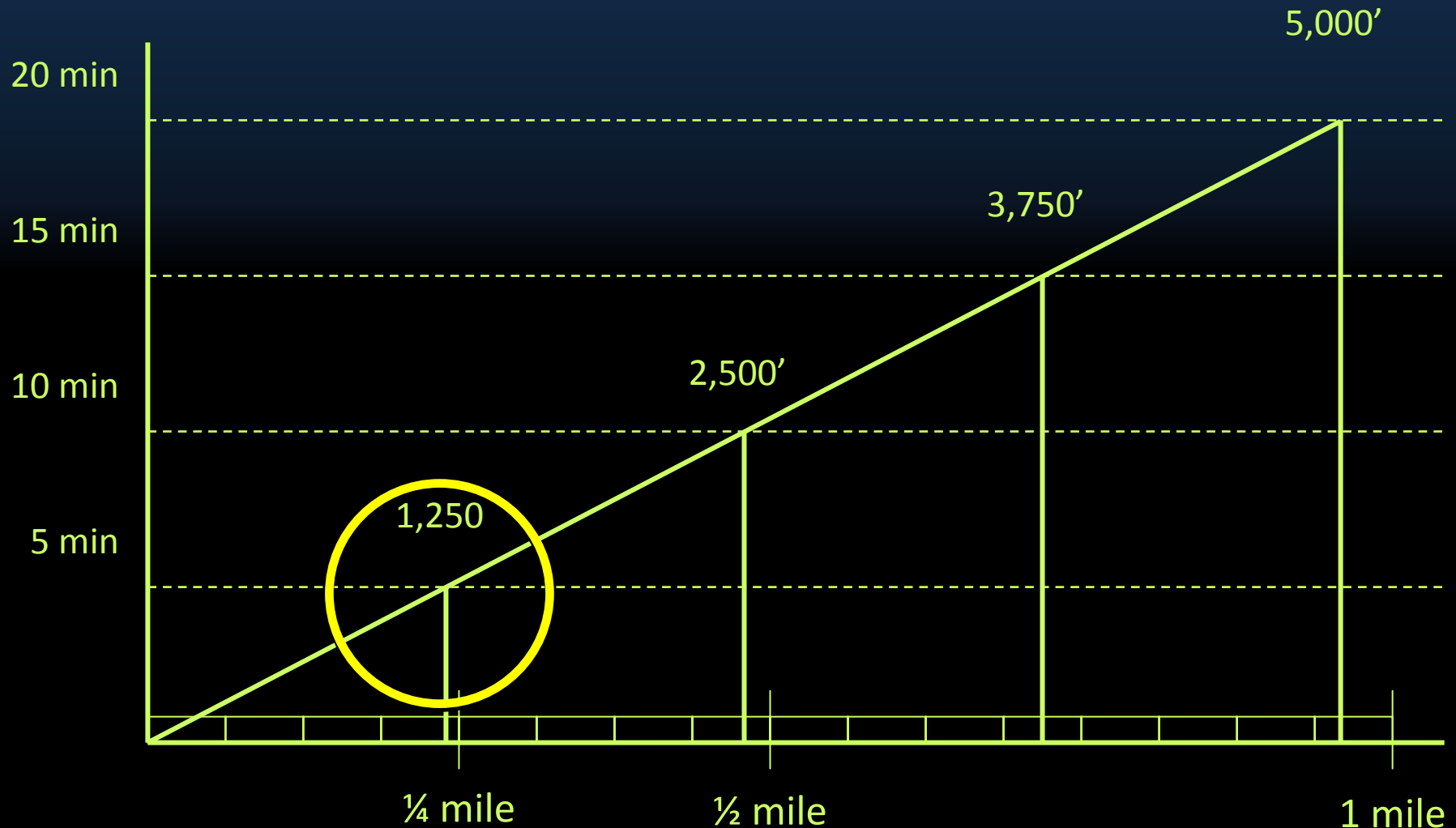




# walk propensity

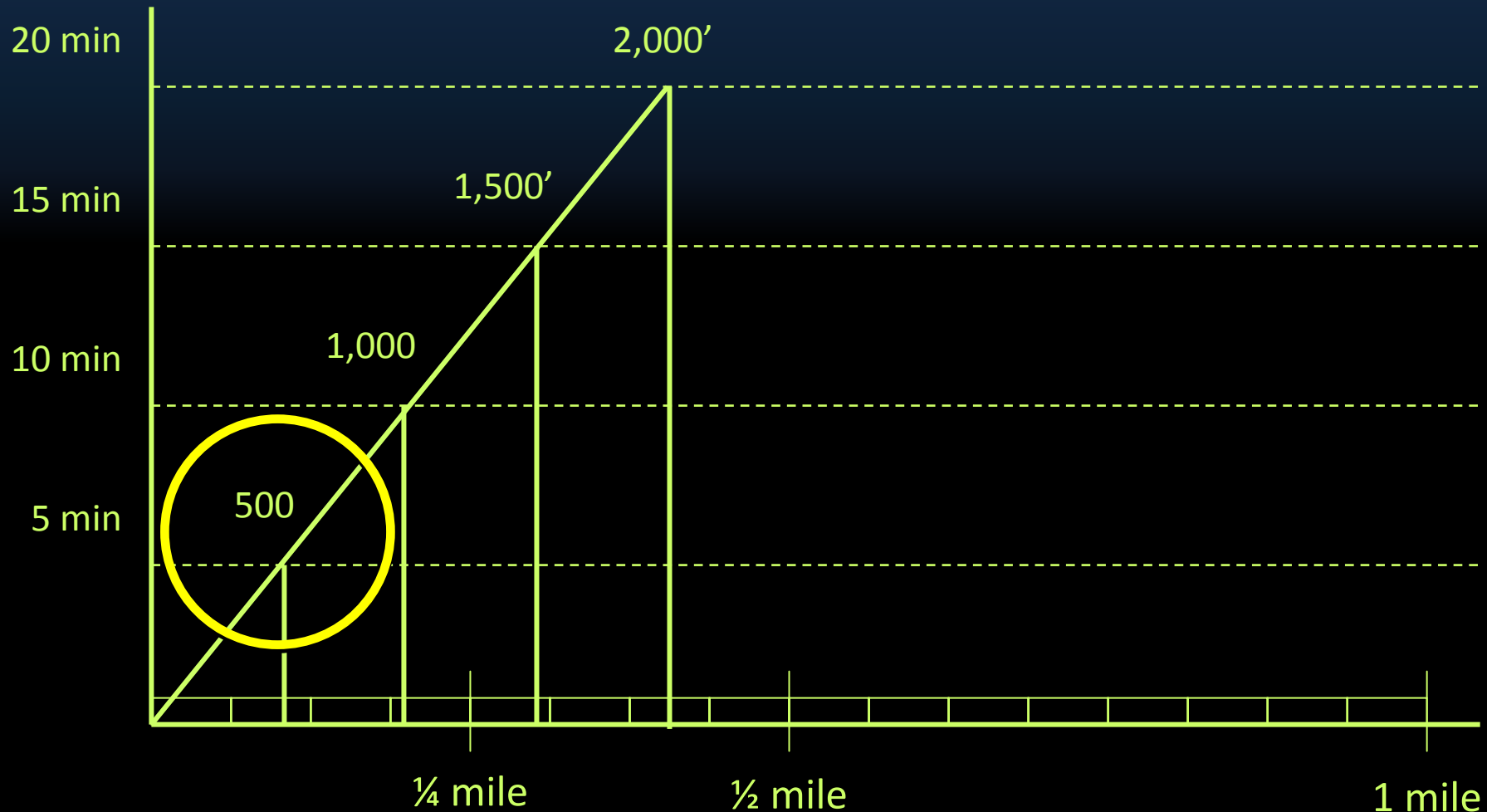


# walk distances @ 250 fpm





# walk distances @ 100 fpm



# path index

shortest feasible route on streets & trails

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straight line distance (as the crow flies)





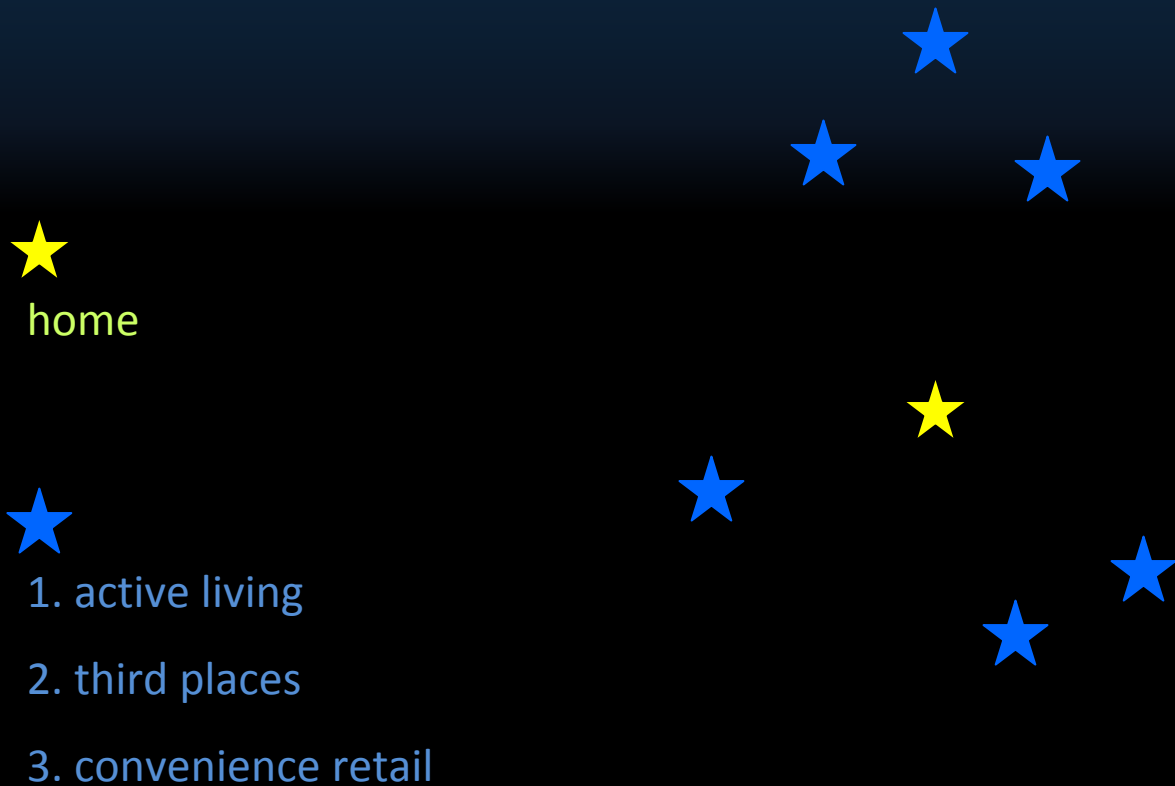
2100 feet

500 feet

Path Index: 4.2



# 5 – 7 minute walk

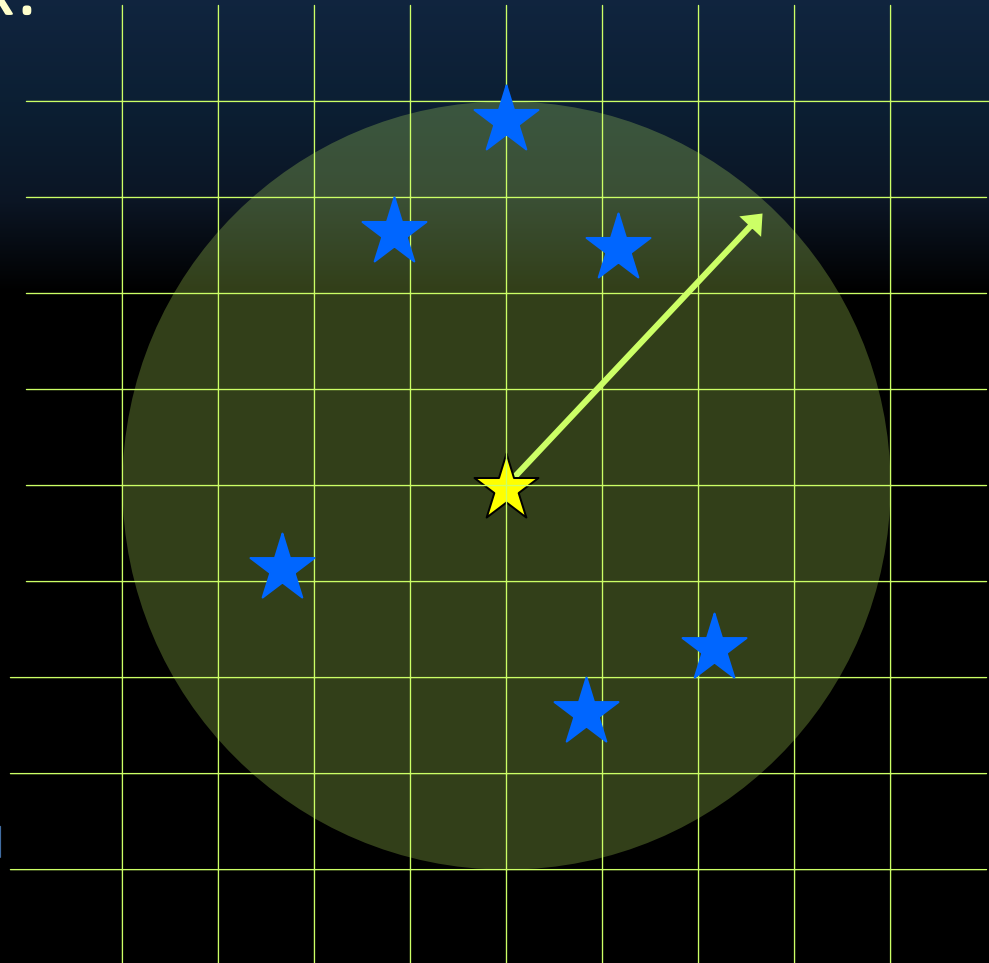


# 5 – 7 minute walk

path index:  
1.4

★  
home

- ★
- 1. active living
  - 2. third places
  - 3. convenience retail



1/4 mile

# 5 – 7 minute walk

path index:  
4.5



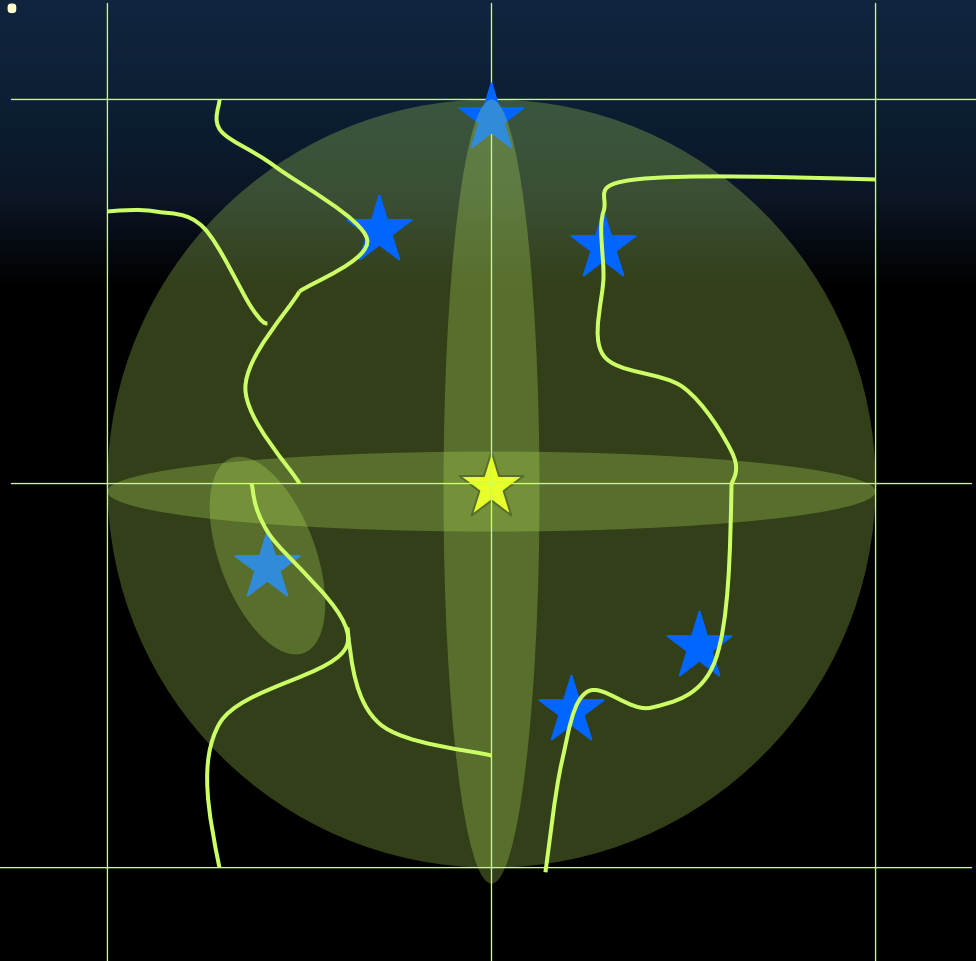
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1. active living

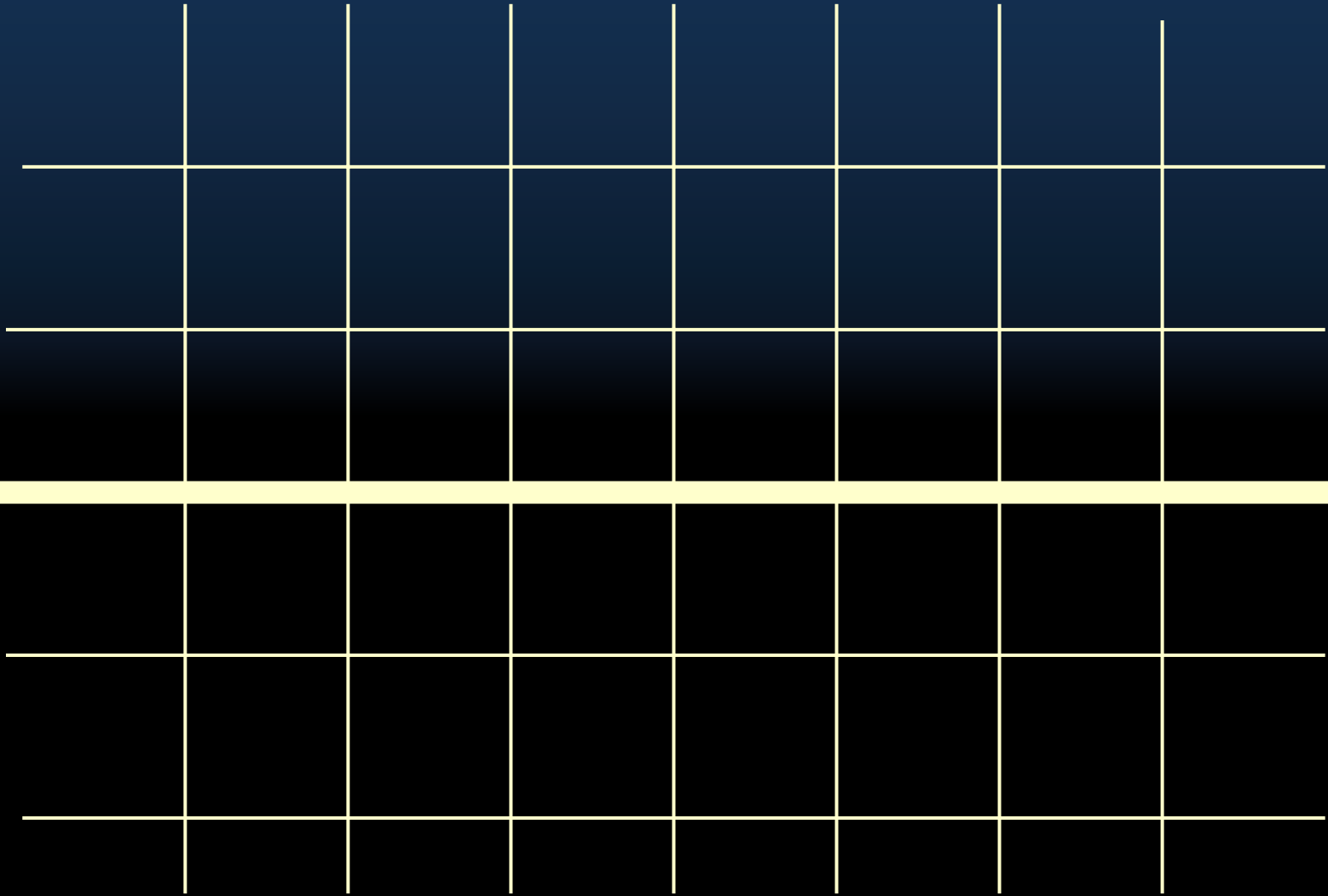
2. third places

3. convenience retail



good connectivity expands the  
range of walking trips, increasing  
pedestrian activity

# optimum block size for efficient traffic flow



330' to 528'



# common connectivity standards

- intersections/square mile (min 200)
- maximum block perimeter (1400' – 1800')
- block length (330' – 528')
- links/nodes

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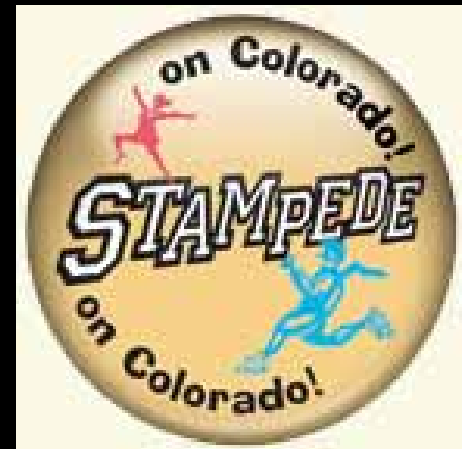
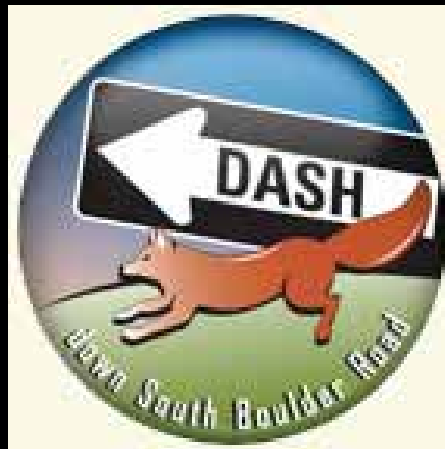
# high frequency transit networks

- peak service < 15 minute headways
- network of routes
- accessible vehicles
- easy access to stops and stations

# boulder community transit network



# community transit network

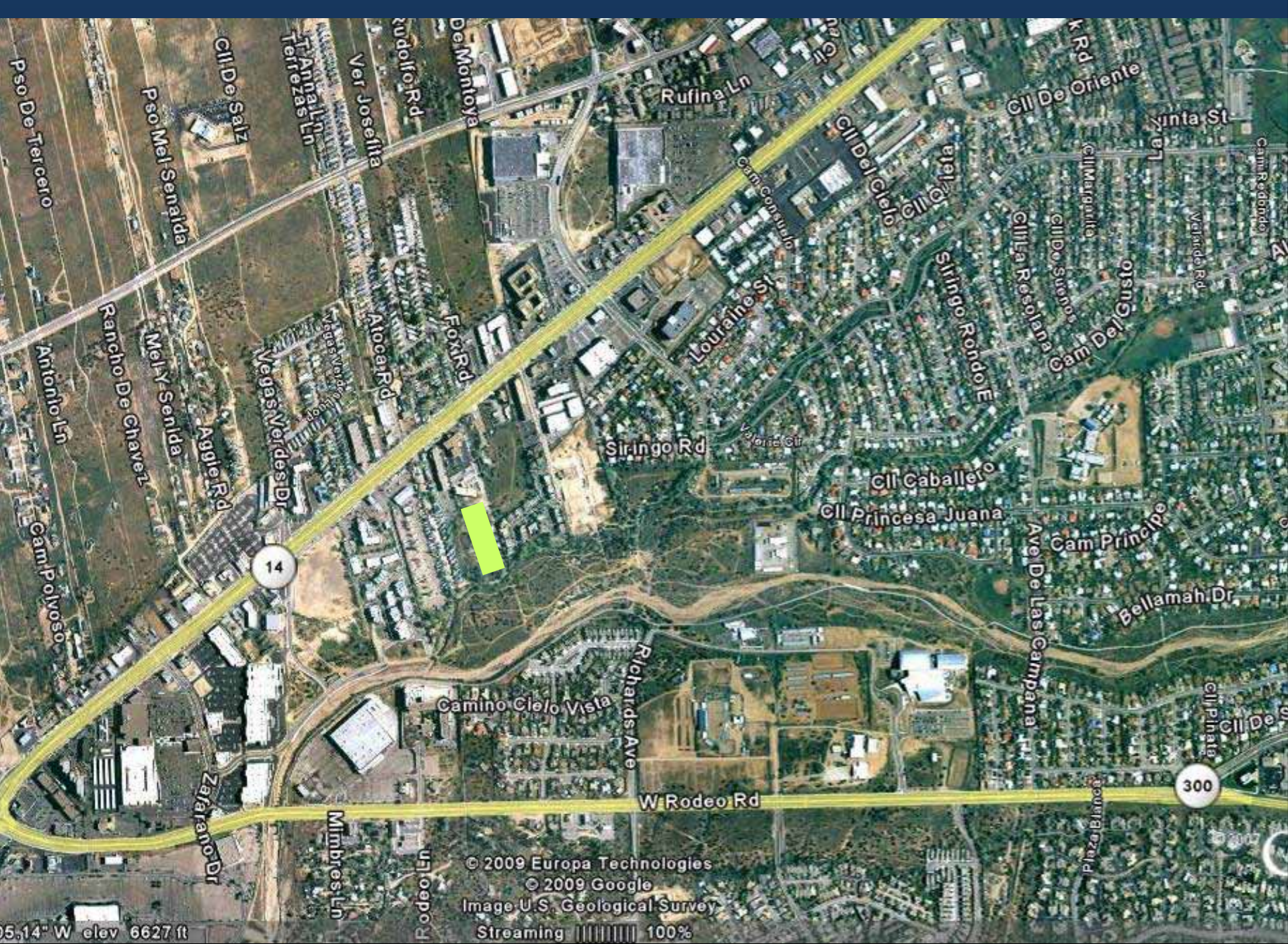


# Portland, Oregon



example: Santa Fe “Elder Grace”

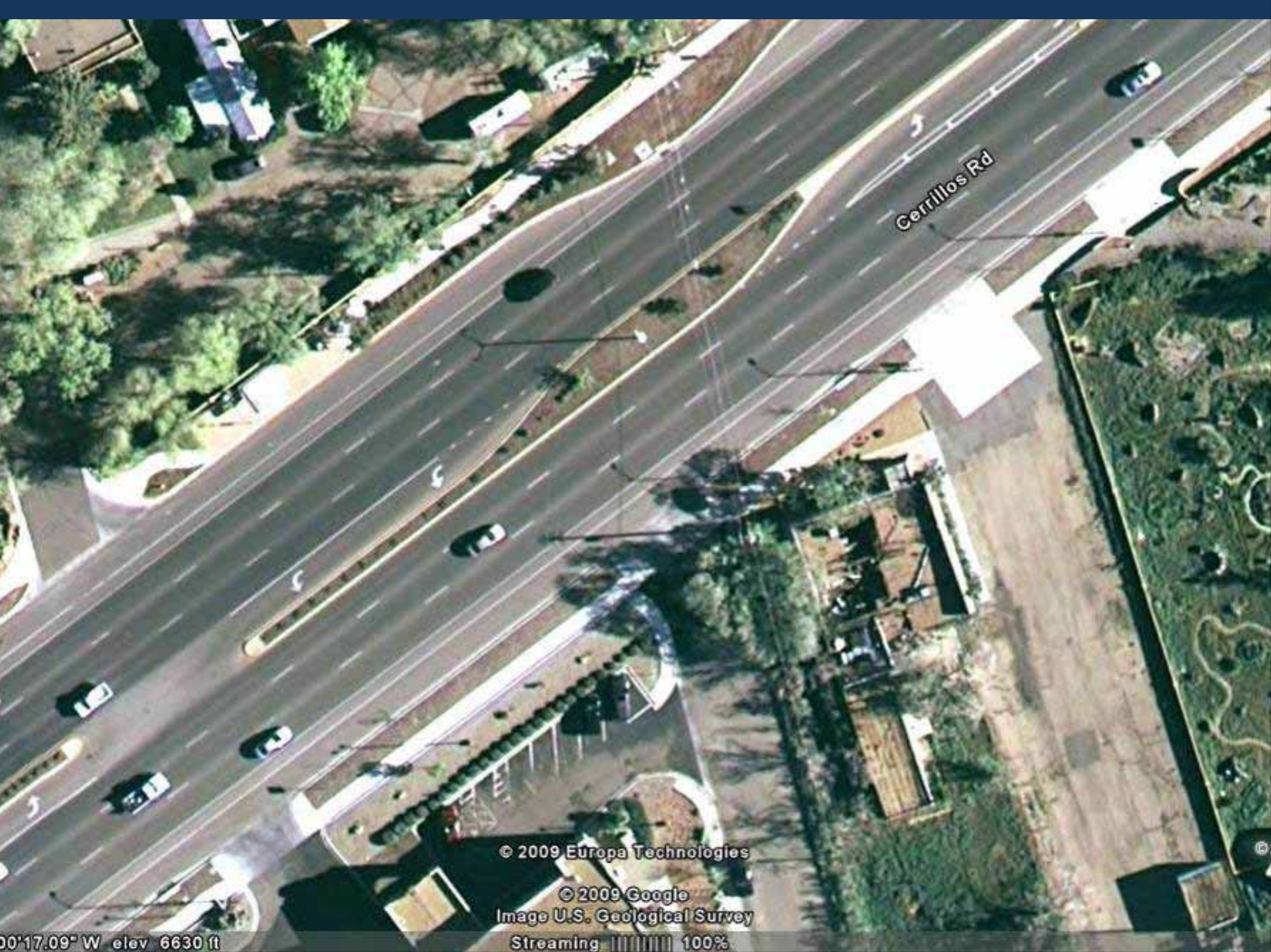




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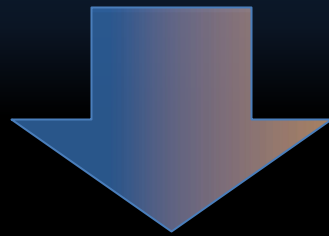




# mobility criteria: ElderGrace

- mixed use development pattern – limited
- pedestrian supportive environment - no
- connected networks – no
- high frequency transit network - no

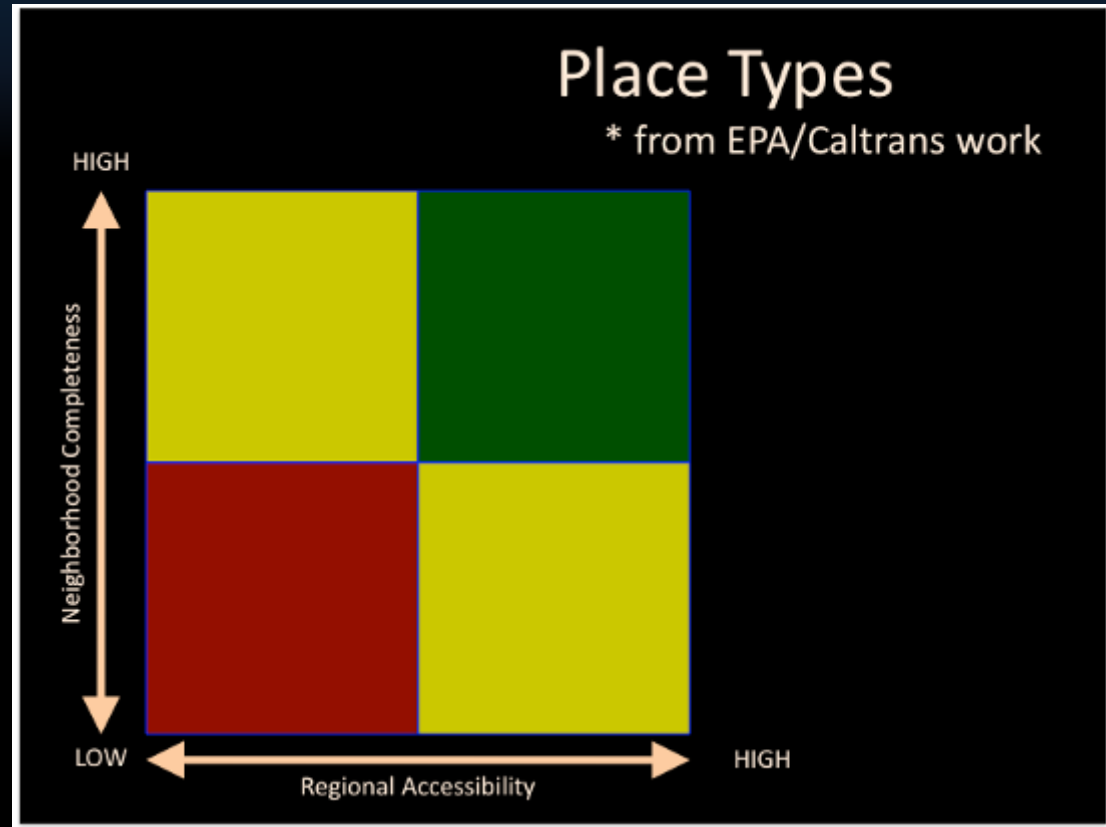
senior mobility



“universal mobility”

# Not Included in Elder Mobility

- Access to schools (K – 12)
- Access to jobs



# Wrap Up

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“Location Efficiency” =

Complete Neighborhoods + Regional Access

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“Livability” =

Affordable + Healthy + Opportunities + Identity

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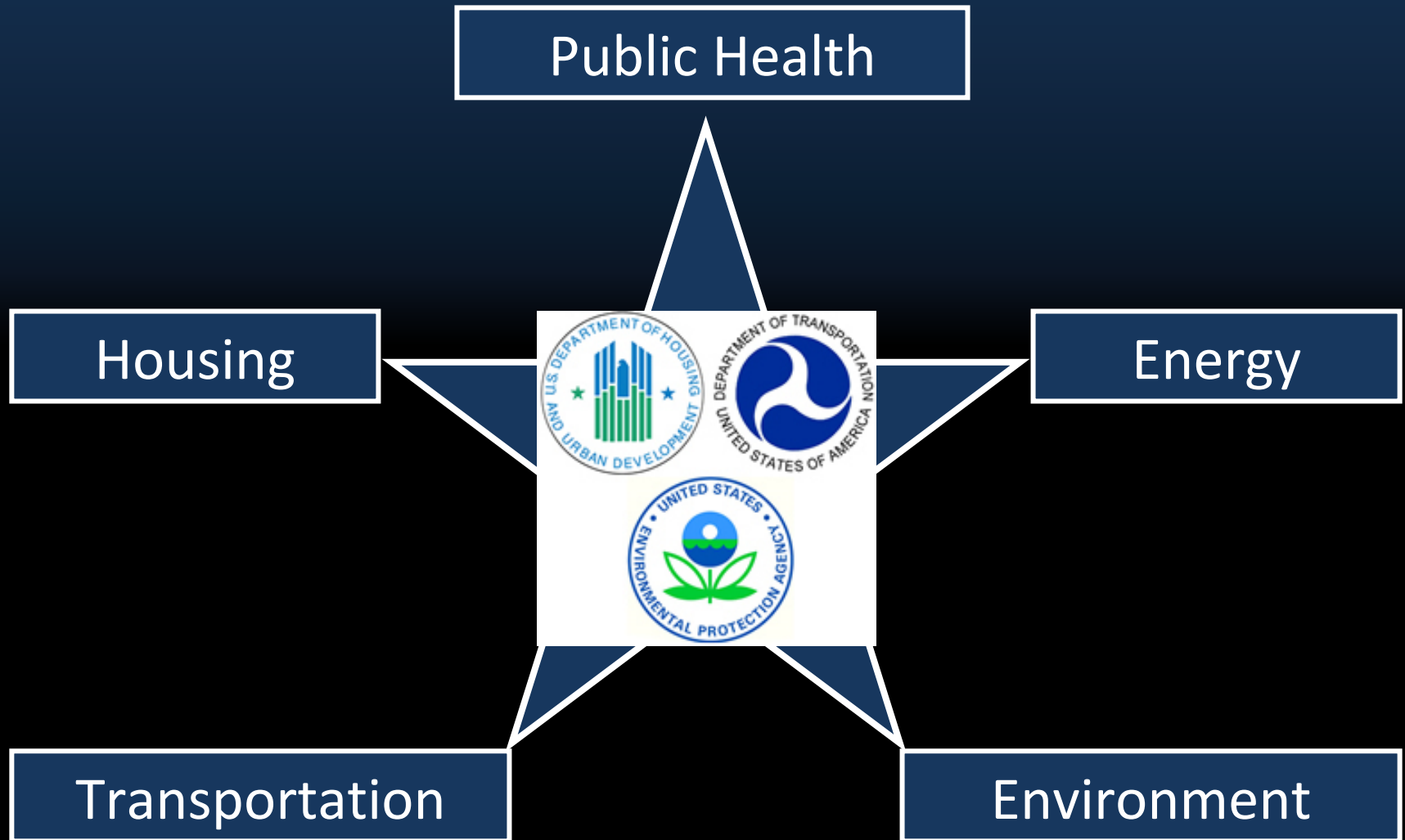
“Mobility” =

Travel + Circulation + Access

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# Integrated, Strategic Investment



# Thanking You



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